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# GAMES

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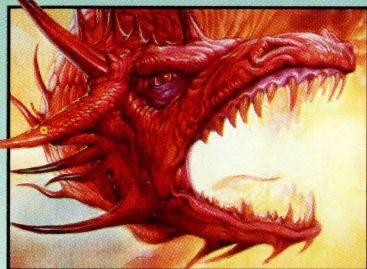
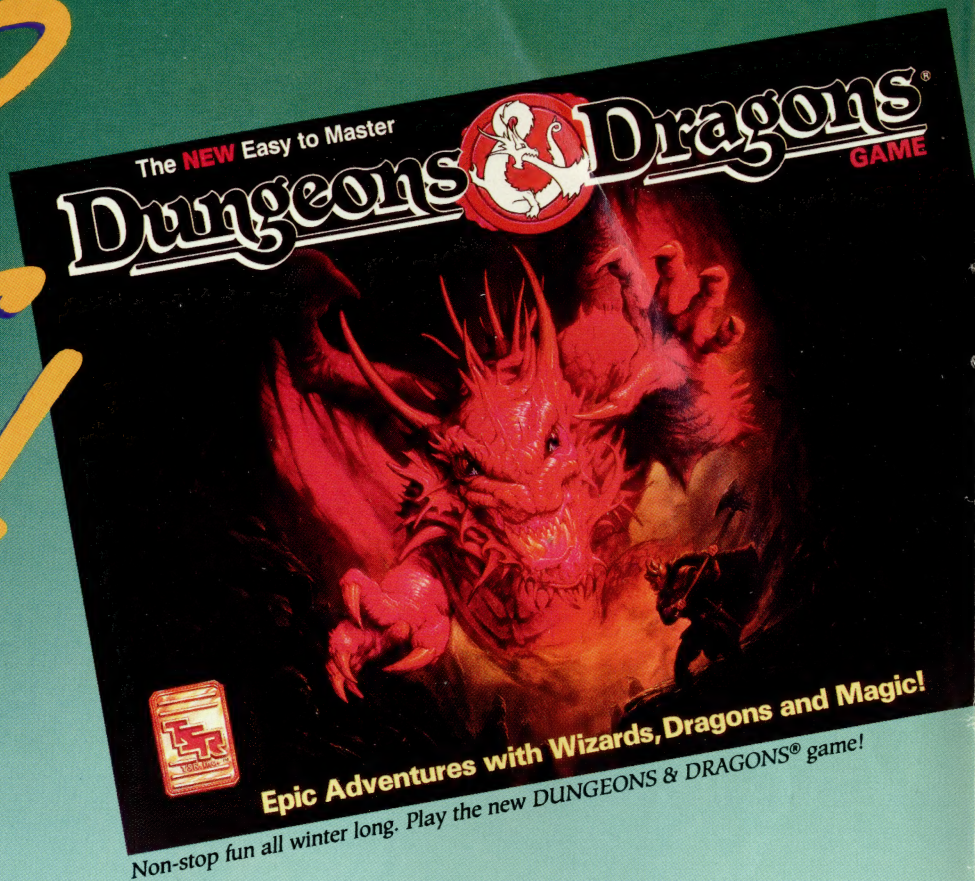
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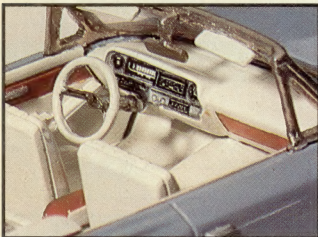


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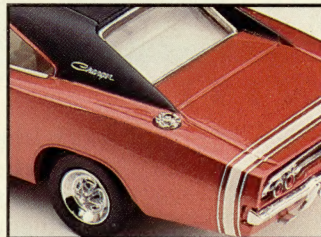


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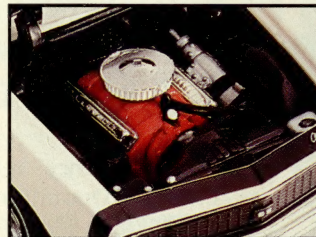
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to go cruisin' down the road  
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Remember the elegant interior of  
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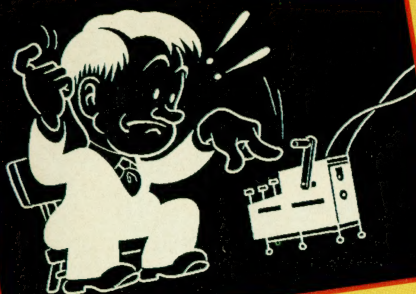
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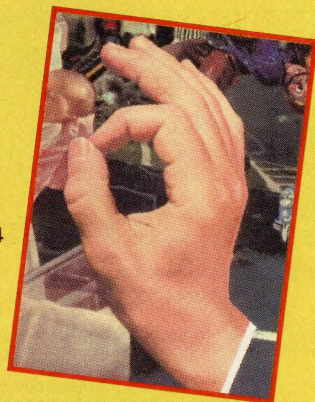




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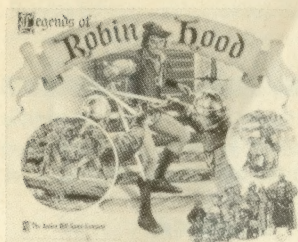
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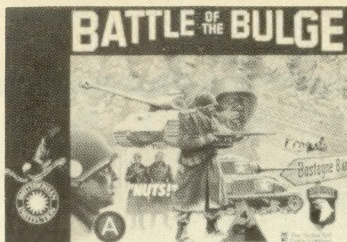
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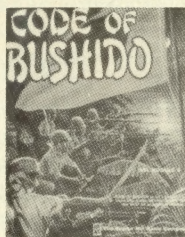
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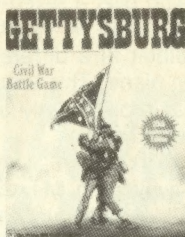
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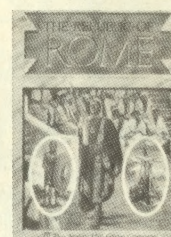
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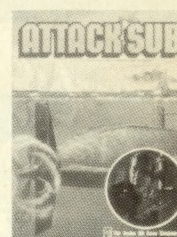
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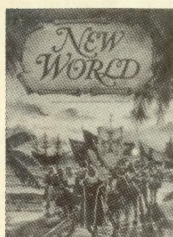
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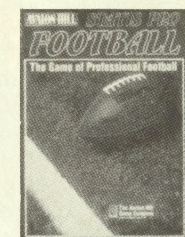
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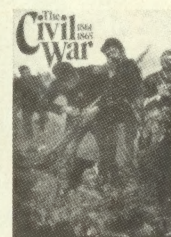
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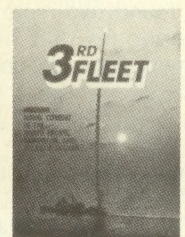
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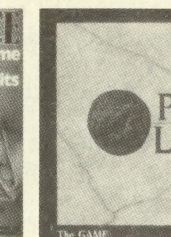
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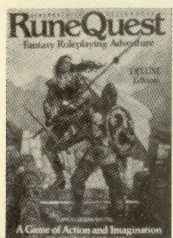
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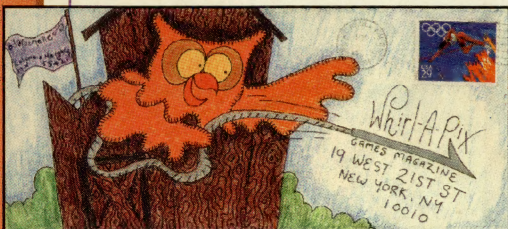
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# LETTERS

## ENVELOPE OF THE MONTH



David LaRochelle  
Columbia Heights, MN

## THE NOT-SO-FAKE AD

I found an ad in your October issue that was too good to be true. Were you "playing games" with us? I was on the August 6 and 16, 1982 shows of *Wheel of Fortune*, so when I saw the ad for videotapes of game shows, I was excited. I called the 800 number printed, but they knew nothing about the ad and couldn't get me tapes of my shows.

Phyllis E. Kravetz  
Waltham, MA

In your October issue, the Fake Ad for the Game Show Connection (page 59) had a very real phone number! Before I realized that this was the Fake Ad, I actually called the listed phone number (1-800-999-GAME) the same day I received my issue and told the woman who answered that I'd like a catalog. She said that there had to be a mistake but that I was the 17th person to call! I explained the source of the confusion, and she and I were surprised that my favorite magazine would publish an untested fake phone number!

Dana M. Epstein  
Needham, MA

*We did test the number but got no response. Sorry for the confusion.—Ed.*

## WINDOW DRESSING

Picture #1 in "The Cape Diamond Theft" (October, page 46) looks a little strange. The sign on the door is backward, as though it were painted on a window. However, it seems obvious the door is solid metal and that the sign is printed backward on a card to simulate the window. Is this the case?

Barry H. Nordin  
Warwick, RI

*Hey! This was supposed to be a Photocrime, not a what's-wrong-with-this-*

*picture puzzle! But we plead "guilty as charged."—Ed.*

## FAR FROM WINGING IT

I really enjoyed "The Plane Truth" (October, page 48). However, I didn't feel the answer went far enough. I figured out how to rotate the planes so that every plane would fly a different schedule every day; and over a seven-week period every plane would fly exactly the same schedule (albeit in a different order) as every other plane. This would help the planes wear more evenly and stabilize maintenance schedules.

I also worked out a better way to deal with layovers in Milwaukee, and a way the airline could have added a Dallas/Ft. Worth-to-Philadelphia flight to their schedule without adding any planes or extra flight segments.

Thanks for the puzzle. I never thought I could have so much fun with a three-year-old airline schedule.

Jeffrey A. Wolfe  
Columbus, OH

## HOLI-DÉJÀ VU

I never write letters to the editor but I just had to this time. Thank you for again publishing the world's most fun and interesting magazine. When *GAMES* arrives, it's like Christmas all over again.

Gary Blanchard  
Wickliffe, OH

## LAUNDRY

*If a reader finds a significant error or a mistake that affects the play of a game or puzzle, and we agree that the slip needs laundering, we'll print the first or most entertaining letter and send the writer a GAMES T-shirt.*

## OCTOBER

In "Just a Second, Please" (page 8) question 16 asks who the second largest retailer is, citing Sears as largest. However, the accepted leader is now Wal-Mart. Still, you had the right answer since K-Mart is second, with Sears slipping to third.

Chris Strom  
Greenville, SC

In the "Double Cross" (page 32), answer M: "Fire on the Mountain" was only part of the refrain of a Charlie Daniels Band hit. The real title is "The Devil Went Down to Georgia."

Jerry Bigham  
Bristol, RI

*We should have said Daniels's 1974 album, not song. In 1979, Daniels reused the phrase in the refrain you refer to.—Ed.*

## EUREKA

*Eureka is the department dedicated to those venturesome spirits who, never settling for a ready answer, have fought their way to a better, more elegant, or more complete solution than the one we gave.*

## JULY

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The following solution to our "Nots & Crosses" contest arrived too late to count, but it tied for best score and uses more common words than the 62-point entry that won.*

THUMP	OVERFLYING	BACKS
BACKSWORD	Q	THUMPINGLY
VEXINGLY	HUMPBACKS	FJORD

Eric and Andrew Chaikin  
New York, NY

In the laddergram (Wild Cards, page 58), you took 10 steps to turn BLOOD into STONE. You can do it in 9 steps as follows: BLOOD, BLOOP, SLOOP, SCOOP, SCOOT, SHOOT, SHORT, SHORE, STORE, STONE.

Thomas R. Kramer  
Washington, DC

## OCTOBER

In "Sound Thinking" (Wild Cards, page 57) I found two more pairs of common homophones that have no letters in common: AYE and I, and A and EH.

Victoria Kesilis  
Santa Barbara, CA

Regarding "Animal Entendres" (page 24) #2, "wildcat strikes": Since the instructions did not specify a verb form to be used with the animal name, I thought gerunds were fair game ... which led me to the equally elegant (I think) "missing lynx."

Charles Arday  
New York, NY

In "Animal Entendres" #6, your solution was "buckboards." But I couldn't tell if he was getting on or getting off, so my hart stopped when I read the answer, 'cause I thought the deer departed. That explains this letter to the editor—since we all know the buck stops here.

Steve Wilkening  
Simonton, TX







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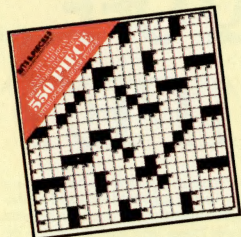


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4. As you listen to the audio clues, fill in the answers in the grid on this page.  
5. Note that every answer

has a single shaded square. When the puzzle is finished, cross out the 9 pairs of repeated letters (18 letters in all) in the shaded squares. The 5 remaining letters can be rearranged to form a common word. This word constitutes the final solution to the puzzle.

6. If you're calling from a touch-tone phone, you may indicate your readiness to give the final solution at any time by pressing the pound sign (#) button. You'll then have 20 seconds to punch in the letters of the answer. If you're correct, your name, address, and phone

number will be recorded. If you're incorrect, you may continue to solve the puzzle or hang up.  
7. If you're calling from a rotary phone, or prefer to register your solution by mail, you may send your 5-letter answer word to: Telephone Crosswords, GAMES Magazine, 2000

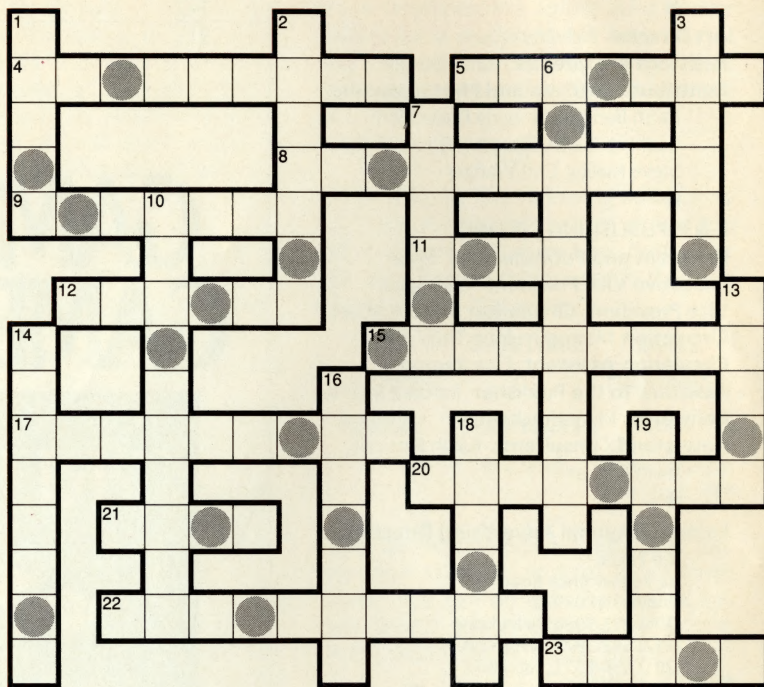
Commonwealth Avenue, Auburndale, MA 02166.  
8. Everyone who solves the puzzle correctly, either by phone or mail, will win a prize shown above. Only one prize per household.  
9. The contest ends February 29, 1992. Solutions by mail must be received by March 6, 1992.

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- 3 What character is this?
- 4 What's this word?
- 5 Name the musical instrument.
- 6 Who's speaking here?
- 7 To whom is this speaker referring?
- 8 What may follow this?
- 9 Identify the language.
- 10 What creature makes this sound?
- 11 What character is this?
- 12 Name the composer.
- 13 Who is speaking here?
- 14 Who is playing?
- 15 Where is the title character in this song going?
- 16 Name this singer (hint: the record is being played at the wrong speed).
- 17 What creature is suggested by this music?
- 18 Who is singing here?
- 19 What name is shared by these two speakers?
- 20 What game is being played here?
- 21 Fill in the missing word in this slogan.
- 22 What game is this?
- 23 What are this musician's instruments?





## AS THE WORDS TURN

Take a look at the words below. Now turn the magazine upside-down and look again. What you're seeing are "ambigrams"—words that can be read from two or more perspectives.

John Langdon, 45, a graphic designer in Philadelphia, has been creating these elegant gems for 18 years, mainly for his own amusement. "Why?" he muses. "Well, first, because I can, and then because it's a constantly available challenge. All I need to make one is a word, a pencil, and a piece of paper."

Langdon stumbled independently upon his bizarre hobby in 1973, and "for eight years I thought I was the only person doing this." Then in 1981 Scott Kim's classic book *Inversions* was published, containing exactly the kind of wordplay Langdon was doing. Now, says Langdon, "I know of maybe half a dozen of us altogether who are doing this sort of work."

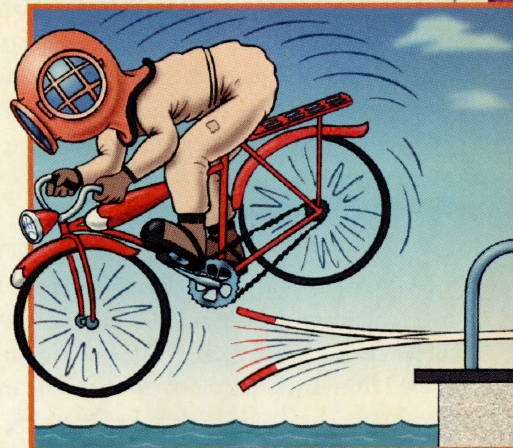
In March, Harcourt Brace Jovano-

## WET WHEELS

It's not an Olympics event yet, but maybe it should be: underwater bicycle racing.

This odd concoction began a few years ago when some North Carolina diving entrepreneurs learned that a chunk of an abandoned bridge was being dumped into the Atlantic. A few divers dragged a couple of bikes—with the tires removed—out to the sunken bridge, and a new challenge was born.

"It's not easy riding a bike under 55 feet of water," says Discovery Diving's Debby Boyce, "so the races don't go very far." She compares the experience to "watching *The Dukes of Hazard* in slow motion. It's pretty weird—but then, divers can be pretty weird people."



Like-minded weirdos can contact Discovery at 919-SCUBA-OK. ■

vich will release Langdon's own book, *Wordplay*, a collection of original ambigrams accompanied by wistful philosophical musings on the meanings of the

words he manipulates.

Langdon's inspirations include Taoism, "with the yin and yang and the whole idea of balanced opposites," as well as M.C. Escher. Also influential was "the lettering on psychedelic posters, which attempted to stretch and distort letters to the extremes and still be readable."

In creating an ambigram, Langdon looks for "easy characters for a strong foundation"—like the easily-flipped OSO in PHILOSOPHY—"and then I can usually get away with more manipulation of the rest of the letters." And is there any point to Langdon's tricks? "Understanding ambigrams demands a willingness to see things from a non-ordinary point of view. That seems to me to be the whole point of GAMES magazine." ■

Ambiguity Philosophy  
Wordplay Games

## ALL THE WORLD'S A CATHODE-RAY TUBE

Eric Waddell always wanted to be a game show host. One day, back in 1990, the Chicago-based actor was "bitchin' and moanin'" about his frustrated ambition to a friend, "and he said, 'Why don't you just write your own show?'" A few months later, Waddell had his game show, along with a new persona (the stereotypically solicitous "Wayne Waddell") and an invitation from Chicago's Annoyance Theater to mount his creation on their stages.

Presented in tandem with an even more bizarre production—Jill and Faith

Soloway's "Real Live Brady Bunch," an onstage re-creation of classic episodes of the insipid '70s sitcom—"The Real Live Game Show" attracted sellout crowds in the Windy City. A ten-week run in New York City brought in hordes of twenty-something tube junkies, people who hear the phrase "A BRAND NEW CAR!!" as a kind of generational mantra.

"The Real Live Game Show" drags in various elements of old TV favorites, from *You Bet Your Life* to *The Price is Right* to *The Gong Show*, but somehow mixes them all up in a surprisingly original way. In the first three rounds, contestants are plucked from the audience and

asked to improvise an assortment of stunts. (The night I went, one player delivered a stirring interpretive dance about flossing.)

The bonus round is particularly clever: Before the show, everyone in the audience is asked to write down three statements, one true and two false, about themselves. Seven participants are chosen, and the contestant has 60 seconds to guess which stories are true for each one. "One night," says Waddell, "we got some guy who claimed he could drink an entire bottle of ketchup. So we bought one and made him drink it onstage. The audience was in tears." ■



**B**ack again after a five-year rest (we thought you'd need it), GAMES's Calculatrivia contest presents 40 brand-new trivia questions that require numerical answers.

The questions are identified by English and Greek letters, which appear also in the equation on the facing page. After plugging each answer into its proper place (or places) in the equation, perform the indicated arithmetic operations to solve the equation and determine the value of X. That final number, along with the answer to each of the 40 questions, will constitute your solution to the contest.

Here are some solving hints and special instructions:

1. Although some GAMES puzzles are deliberately misleading, Calculatrivia is not. The questions may be complex or difficult, but all are carefully worded and should be interpreted literally. Don't look for devious meanings or underhanded tricks, and don't take anything for granted. The answers have been thoroughly researched and rechecked many times. We believe each question has only one answer.

2. When you've found the value for X in the equation, express it in its simplest form. If, for example, your calculations reveal the value of X to be  $\frac{10}{4}$ , express it as 2.5 or  $2\frac{1}{2}$ .

3. Do not round off any numbers unless specifically instructed to do so.

4. The winning entry will be the one that correctly states the value of X in its simplest form and also includes the correct answer to each of the 40 questions. If no entry correctly states the value of X, the winning entry will be the one that includes the greatest number of correct answers to the questions. Any ties will be broken by random draw.

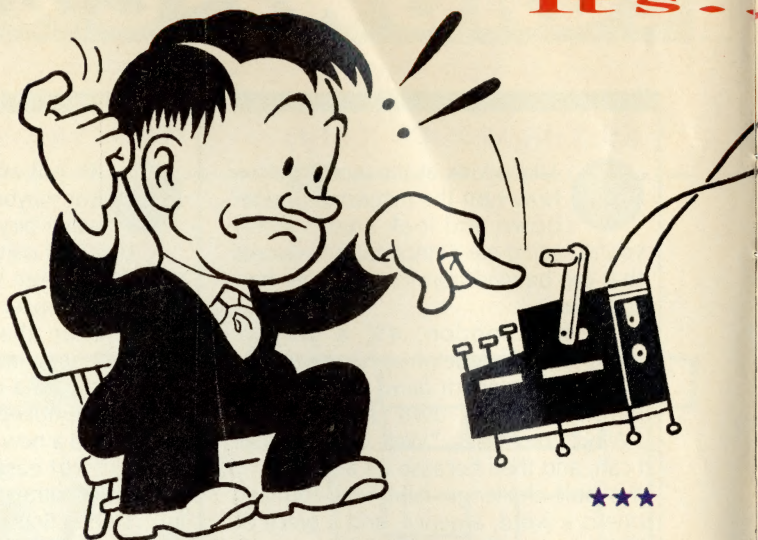
5. Do not call, write, or visit our offices with questions about the contest or its questions. Everything you need to know is right here on these pages.

6. Your entry must include the value for X, the answer to each of the 40 questions, and your name and address. To enter, mail the entry blank (see next page), or a reproduction of it, to: Calculatrivia V, GAMES Magazine, 19 West 21st Street, New York, NY 10010. **IMPORTANT: On the back of your entry, write the value you found for X and circle it.** Entries submitted by fax, phone, or in person will not be accepted. You may enter as often as you like, but each entry must be mailed separately. Entries must be received by March 2, 1992.

by

R. Wayne Schmittberger

## Go Figure: It's...



### THE QUESTIONS

- a = number of the east-west interstate highway that provides the most direct route between London Bridge and Toad Suck Ferry
- b = highest possible product of three three-digit numbers, all nine of whose digits are different
- c = Earth hours in a Martian day, to the nearest Earth hour
- d = gallons of alcohol in a fifth of standard American 86-proof bourbon
- e = largest whole number evenly divisible into the numbers in the titles of the shows regularly on the air at 9:15 P.M. on Fridays in the fall 1960 CBS and ABC schedules
- f = sum of the rents for the two most expensive properties, with hotels, in the French edition of Monopoly (in francs)
- g = years to Earth in the title of a film originally released as *Quatermass and the Pit*
- h = number of U.S. vice presidents, prior to Dan Quayle, who were born in Indiana
- j = number of whole lemons (including skin and seeds) eaten in 15.3 seconds by Bobby Kempf on May 2, 1979
- k = major arcana in a tarot deck
- l = number of Tour de France races held through 1991 (not counting the abbreviated 1946 race)
- m = number of countries bordering the country whose name differs by only one letter from the name of a U.S. state capital whose name differs only in its two final letters from the name of another U.S. state capital
- n = retired number of the only player to win the James Norris Memorial Trophy eight consecutive years
- p = national anniversary, commemorated on a 1991 U.S. postage stamp, of a country that calls itself "Helvetia" on its own postage stamps





$$x = \frac{\frac{abcde}{\left( \frac{fg(h+j) \frac{(k+l)^{mn}}{p} + \frac{(q+r)s}{t} \right) uv}}{\frac{(w^y - \frac{z(\alpha-\beta)\gamma}{\delta+\epsilon+\zeta}) (q(\eta-\theta)(\kappa+\lambda) - e)}} + \frac{\phi\psi}{\omega}$$

# CALCULATRIVIA V

- q** = number spelled out by removing the letters I, R, U, and S from the name of a seventh-century pope
- r** = juror number of the character whose name is Davis in the movie *12 Angry Men*
- s** = number of base hits mysteriously lost by Honus Wagner between the seventh and eighth editions of *The Baseball Encyclopedia*
- t** = date in May that is Flag and University Day in Haiti
- u** = according to quark theory, the number of up quarks in the nucleus of a deuterium atom
- v** = area in square miles, to the nearest 10,000 square miles, of the island whose capital is Nuuk
- w** = total number of Academy Award nominations received by Bette Davis
- y** = 五十, to a Japanese
- z** = number of the U.S. Constitutional amendment ratified in 1795
- α** = highest three-digit number whose name is an anagram of THE NUNS DENIED EVERYTHING
- β** = lines of poetry in Virgil's *Aeneid* that precede the line "ardentisque oculos suffecti sanguine et igni"
- γ** = exact number of minutes saved by driving a 10-mile stretch of road at 65 m.p.h. instead of 55 m.p.h.
- δ** = number of xu in as many dong as there are dollars in a penny
- ε** = number of carbon atoms in a molecule of aspirin
- ζ** = shotgun gauge if the bore diameter is 17.60 millimeters
- η** = year in which Robert E. Lee's father captured a fort at Paulus Hook
- θ** = year of the Diet of Worms
- κ** = in rhyme, the number of different wigs of Gregory Griggs
- λ** = wedding anniversary celebrated by British royal family members Charles and Diana in 1991
- μ** = if it is noon, the exact number of minutes that will pass before the hour and minute hands of a clock will be precisely aligned with one another again, assuming that both hands move at a smooth, continuous rate
- ξ** = first number mentioned in the lyrics of the Beatles' Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band album
- σ** = number of digits in a googolplex
- τ** = number in the title of the movie in which two of the lead characters' names are Pongo and Perdita
- φ** = according to the cover of the July 27–August 2, 1991, TV Guide, the number of issues the magazine had published previously
- ψ** = number of different positions that can exist in a chess game immediately after White's second move, assuming each player has made a legal move each turn
- ω** = year in which Pluto will once again become the ninth planet from the sun

Clip or copy this entry blank and mail to: **Calculatrivia V**, GAMES Magazine, 19 West 21st Street, New York, NY 10010

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

X = \_\_\_\_\_

(Important: This number must also appear on the back of your envelope.)

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# CROSSWORDS BY COMPUTER

OR 1,000 NINE-LETTER  
WORDS A DAY FOR FUN  
AND PROFIT

BY ERIC ALBERT

*I've always considered "The World's Most Ornerly Crossword" in GAMES a showcase for the best in modern crossword puzzles. Through the years, solvers have marveled at the clever interlock, the abundance of colorful phrases, and the absence of obscure words. What kind of person could create such a thing?*

*This article will not help answer that question. The Ornerly puzzle on pages 35-37 of this issue is one that any crossword constructor would be proud of, and it's got my name on it. I have a confession to make, though. I didn't do it. My computer did.*

**T**his story begins in the summer of 1989. I was in a quandary. My wife, Peg, and I had recently decided to have a child, and that I would stay home after the birth. I therefore needed a new job, one I could practice from our house while simultaneously feeding and entertaining a baby.

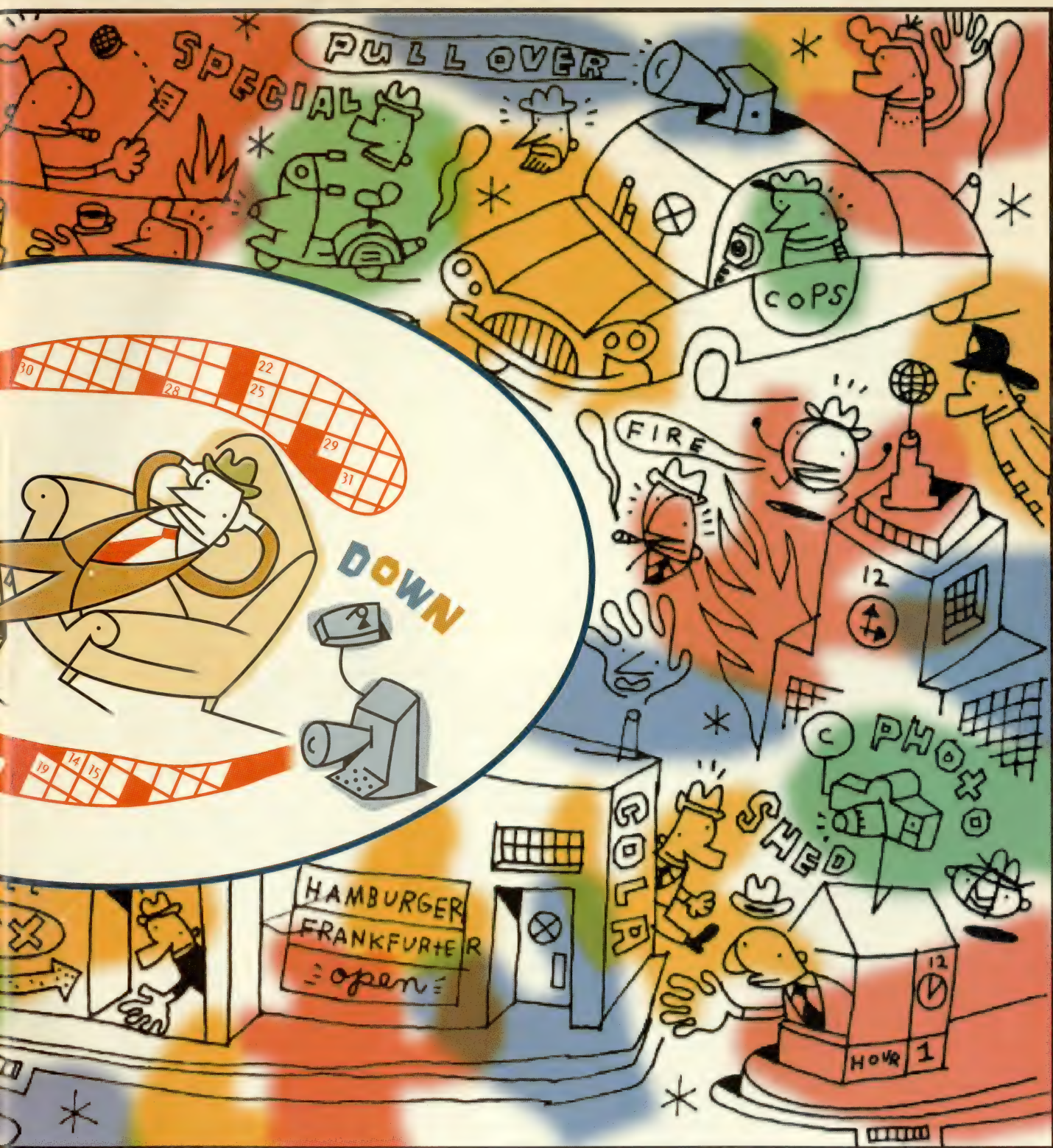


As luck would have it, summer is the time for the annual convention of the National Puzzlers' League. As I sat in the lobby of a Cleveland hotel chatting with noted puzzle constructors like Henry Hook and Scott Marley, I began to consider puzzling as a profession. I could sit in my den, I thought, and dash off cross-

words for magazine editors I already knew through the League. Even better, I would finally have a way to rationalize purchasing every reference book in the world, tax-deductibly, no less.

I told my puzzle colleagues the plan. Their response was immediate: "Give it up now." Apparently, these same





thoughts had come to millions of other people, resulting in the dreaded "buyer's market" and its inevitable corollary—low fees. As one person so aptly put it, "It is a mistake to compete in a market with people who are willing to work for free."

After finding out the pittance paid for most puzzles (\$15 to \$75 for a 15 x 15—

square crossword, \$50 to \$250 for a Sunday-size 21 x 21), I had to agree. Few people could grind them out quickly enough to be able to afford both food and shelter. But could a computer fill crosswords grids, I wondered, and do so at a professional quality level?

I looked around to see what was


commercially available. Not much, it turned out. The few programs that claimed to construct crosswords actually just built a loosely-interlocked crisscross puzzle from a user-supplied list of theme words. No symmetry, no complete cross-checking of letters, no prospect of selling the results.



I also purchased a copy of "The Crossword Puzzler," a program for the IBM PC written by Mel Rosen, well-known constructor and editor. This program was designed as an aid for professional crossworders and helps with making a grid; finding words that match a specified pattern; entering, storing, and retrieving clues; and outputting a grid and clues to a printer. The program performed well, and it certainly made the constructor's job easier. But I didn't want to make the job easier; I wanted to make the job go away.

Since there was nothing I could buy, maybe there was something I could build. A stack of quarters and a few evenings spent in MIT's engineering library resulted in a pile of photocopies of academic articles about crosswords and computers. Several days and much tedious reading later, I concluded that all research so far had focused solely on finding the quickest way to fill a grid, with zero attention paid to the quality of the result.

This approach can best be summarized with a single sentence from the paper "Search Lessons Learned from Crossword Puzzles" by Ginsberg, Frank, Halpin, and Torrance: "Why use a word with a Q when one with an S could be used instead?" The authors meant this question rhetorically, but it has a real-world answer: "Because a puzzle with a Q is more interesting and more likely to sell than one with an S." Noted puzzle constructors like Merl Reagle and Trip Payne pride themselves on their ability to work colorful words and phrases into their grids, and editors use such entries to distinguish between the obviously excellent and the merely mediocre. I had known from the start that my program would have to show a similar skill in word choice; now I realized that I was going to get no help from my academic colleagues. I would have to go it alone.


 One Saturday in mid-August of 1989, I locked myself in my air-conditioned office at work and spent 13 straight hours cranking out a crude crossword program on my computer. For its first test, I gave it a tiny grid with 12 empty squares. A few tense minutes later, the program dumped its first fill onto the screen. I let out a whoop of exhilaration. Leaving the program to continue finding other possible combinations, I headed for home.

Monday morning, I hustled into my office and found my program still chugging away. My spirits sank to my sneakers. Crossword constructors had nothing to fear from a competitor that failed to exhaust the possibilities for 12 letters in 36 hours. I put the program out of its misery and decided to call in the cavalry.

Over the next few days I held long talks with my boss Mike Albert (no relation) and my friend Alan Frank. Mike has decades of software engineering experience and Alan is a brilliant developer of computer algorithms. Combining their suggestions with more weekend work gave dramatic results, and a few weeks later my program could finish the test grid in 19 minutes. Still nothing to write home about, but good enough to make me turn my attention to the database problem.

So far, the program had been finding all possible fills for a given grid fragment. But there were often thousands of ways to fill even a small section, and looking through all of them felt suspiciously like work. In addition, most of the fills contained junky words that severely limited any commercial potential. The program had to acquire some taste.

Peg and I ranked all the three- and four-letter database entries using the following sophisticated scheme: 0 = great, 1 = average, 2 = bleah. I modified the program accordingly and the results were markedly better. This was exciting stuff. No one I knew of had previously demonstrated that a program could tell the difference between a good and a bad way to fill a crossword grid.

 My puzzle time since then has been spent in three ways: 1) improving the program, 2) improving the database, and 3) constructing and marketing crosswords. Until March 1991, when baby Gus entered the world and I quit my computer job, puzzle time was very hard to come by. Nevertheless, this month's "Crazy Eights" grid shows that I've made some progress.

Most of my program modifications have been speed improvements. The best fill for my original test grid can now be found in four seconds. Speed-up on bigger grid fragments has been at least as dramatic, with some tricky cases now filled 100,000 times faster.

The database work has been the most time-consuming. The challenge was to emulate an expert's ability to choose words. My original solution was to go through the database, one word at a time, and type in an appropriate "goodness" rating for each entry. Two years later, that's still my solution—and I'm still typing.

I rank 1,000 words a day, come rain or shine. In two weeks (from this writing) I'll finish off the nine-letter entries, take a brief sabbatical, and then start in on the tens. Word-ranking is a hobby I can recommend only to those who get overstimulated watching paint dry.


The rating system now has 13 categories, from 0 to 12 (see sidebar, next page).

The rankings are designed to capture the distinctions required to fill grids at a quality level indistinguishable from that of the best human constructors. It had better; any rating system change now would force me to rerank the 257,837 database entries I've already done.

Ranking requires things to rank. Originally, I collected the unabridged and collegiate dictionaries that were available in computer-readable form and mushed them all together. This gave me good basic coverage of English words; in fact, it was overkill. More than half of these entries had to be given the lowest ranking because of their obscurity. Among these words to avoid were all "crosswordese," those ancient weights, heraldic terms, and variant spellings of minor Hindu deities that longtime solvers have grown all too familiar with.

I added computer copies of several phrase dictionaries, a thesaurus or two, and some long lists of proper names. Now I lusted after a source for those pop-culture references that topnotch constructors use to spice up their grids. Mike Albert came through once again, collecting for me a passel of entertainment programs from various computer networks. These products were intended to test the user's knowledge of movies or sports or rock 'n' roll. But they also provided databases that, once decoded, could be raided for my own purposes.

Alas, some crossword puzzle entries cannot be found in any available computer file, entries like RLS ("Treasure Island author's monogram") and ASAN ("Strong — ox"). The thousands of such items in my database have been laboriously collected from actual puzzles and entered by hand. My hand. Whenever some wise guy says doing crosswords by computer isn't "really" work I think to myself, "You've obviously never spent a day typing in 4,000 Roman numerals."

 Now I use the computer to construct a crossword changes from week to week as I automate more tasks and take on new challenges. Here's a snapshot for August 1991.

First, I come up with a set of theme entries. This is a creative endeavor, so there's no single correct approach. I often ask a friend for an idea, or think of one myself, but the computer can also be surprisingly helpful. Say I've decided to commemorate Vincent van Gogh by creating a puzzle in which each of the long entries has had the word EAR removed. I instruct a search program to show me the appropriate database entries, and, five seconds later, I can paw through a list containing items like "Amelia Earhart," "béarnaise sauce," and "rear-view mirror."



## WHAT A WORD'S WORTH

Categorizing entries is subjective and somewhat arbitrary. Since I construct puzzles for mainstream publications, my rating system attempts to reflect the average solver's tastes and still retain enough of my personal prejudices to give the puzzles a unique flavor.

In my scheme, multiple-word phrases and full names rank very high. Hipness, vividness, and interesting quirkiness raise an entry's value. So do rare letters like J, K, Q, X, and Z. Prefixes and suffixes (PRE-, -ED, -ATION) lower a rating. Crossword clichés (OLEO), trade names (NIKON), abbreviations (STD.), and words that are foreign (OEUF) or difficult to clue in fresh ways (HER) get marked down. Fill-in-the-blank entries (like OFLA for *Man \_\_\_\_ Mancha*) receive poor ratings. So do words that seem to require more than a high-school education (HAUBERK).

Descriptions (with examples) of my categories:

- 0 - **FABULOUS** (KUMQUAT, QUICK FIX)
- 1 - **GREAT** (NEW YORK, AL HIRT)
- 2 - **VERY GOOD** (AMAZON, JAWBONE)
- 3 - **COLORFUL** (TULIP, BABOON)
- 4 - **ABOVE AVERAGE** (ASPARAGUS, MACAO)
- 5 - **AVERAGE** (INN, ECONOMY)
- 6 - **BELOW AVERAGE** (TIPS, KNOCKED)
- 7 - **BORING** (LATERALLY, ELLS)
- 8 - **FLAWED** (YOU'LL, OCT)
- 9 - **STRETCHING** (COWY, BITERS)
- 10 - **YUCKY** (COWIER, ANOA)
- 11 - **SPECIALIZED** (UCALEGON, <obscene>)
- 12 - **VERY YUCKY** (BERT L., SHILFA)

I usually fill grids using only entries with a rating of 9 or better. For an extremely tough corner, I have occasionally turned on the 10s. I hope never to be so desperate that I consider using the 12s.

—E.A.

Once I've chosen the theme entries, I copy them into a blank grid of the appropriate size. Then I add the black squares. This is an eminently computerizable function, and one that I hope to get to soon.

Next, I break the grid into pieces, since the program is not fast enough to

fill an entire puzzle at once. The size of these sections has gotten larger and larger over the years. This month's Ornerly, for example, was constructed from only 11 pieces.

Then my program does its thing with each grid piece. I can specify lots of requirements like "this square must be a vowel" or "don't use this word," but mostly I just let it run. The program will usually display the first fill in a few seconds, but the time it takes to find the best fill varies considerably. On a 33-megahertz IBM-PC 486 clone with 16 megabytes of memory, the program can exhaustively examine all possible ways to fill the 36 non-theme entries in the major diagonal of a 21 x 21 grid, and choose the best one, in 5 to 12 hours.

This may not strike you as super-speedy and, in fact, GAMES's own Mike Shenk could probably do the same thing in 20 minutes. There are three points to consider, though. First, I'm not Mike Shenk. Like much automation, my program puts the skills of an expert into the hands of a novice. Second, given the current trends in computer hardware, I am quite confident that several years from now the program will also be able to finish this fill in 20 minutes. Third, not even Mike Shenk can fill grids in his sleep. I can.

Over the years, some crossword experts have speculated that computer-filled grids would be lifeless and mechanical. I disagreed, pointing out that my taste in words was exquisitely well-defined by the hundreds of thousands of ranking decisions contained in my database. The computer fills grids the way that I would if I had the patience (and the longevity) to examine every possibility. Ironically, the results are more "Eric Albert-ish" than I could ever come up with on my own.

When the computer has filled all of the sections, I clue the puzzle. By hand. Someday a computer may be able to toss off hip, punny, human clues. But not today, and not tomorrow. For the foreseeable future, Henry Hook will remain inimitable. And that, as Henry would put it, is probably just as well.

**M**an quits job to raise child and construct crosswords by computer." It certainly sounds like a great human-interest story. But what's the bottom line? Can such a crazy scheme succeed?

So far, I'm happy to say, I have sold every computer-generated crossword I have constructed, and to the most-respected and highest-paying markets. Each month brings more requests for more puzzles. And solvers seem pleased with my work.

What does the future hold? Well, you can bet that in two weeks I'll be starting work on an Ornerly Crossword called "Crazy Nines." And, in the long run, I believe computers will play an ever bigger role in the crossword world.

Official Publications, a major publisher of newsstand puzzle magazines, has automated the majority of their operations, from grid checking through typesetting and page layout. They can now put some issues together in hours instead of days, at a considerably reduced cost.

Newspaper Enterprise Association, one of the nation's largest feature syndicates, distributes a computer-generated crossword to hundreds of newspapers every day. For cleverness, their puzzle will never set the world on fire, but the company has had few complaints from solvers. And NEA's approach of creating a database of stock clues for the computer to choose from has already been emulated by at least one large crossword magazine company.

More constructors are also getting on board. Some now use Mel Rosen's PC program. Others may be interested in CCS ("Crossword Construction Set") for the Macintosh, a recent offering by Brian Sheppard. It has many of the features of Rosen's product and can use a 250,000-entry database to fill grid sections of up to 25 words. Because this database is not ranked for quality, the filling process requires the user to make many interactive decisions. Still, CCS significantly reduces a constructor's burden.

Will computers replace puzzle people? Yes and no. The workaday constructors, those who grind out grids packed with crosswordese, are doomed. My program can already fill a grid more quickly and more skillfully than they can, and for pennies a puzzle. Competitive forces will eventually force the majority of the newsstand publishers and syndicates to follow the lead of Official Publications and Newspaper Enterprise Association.

But in the upper echelon, where the emphasis is on a tricky theme and a clever clue, machines will have a much smaller impact. Creativity will keep classy constructors ahead of the computer for years to come. Mike Shenk, Merl Reagle, Henry Hook: Keep your day jobs. ■

Eric Albert is a frequent contributor to GAMES.

### PROGRAM NOTES

- Mel Rosen's Crossword Puzzler costs \$150 and is available from Rosen, 11718 Nicklaus Circle, Tampa, FL 33624. A demo disk can be purchased for \$10.
- CCS costs \$495 and is available from Alan Richter, 340 Riverside Drive, Apartment 3-D, New York, NY 10025.











# THE PUZZLING NO

At 55, Nob Yoshigahara is the foremost designer, collector, and popularizer of logical and mechanical puzzles in Japan. He has written more than 50 puzzle books, has a monthly column in the popular science magazine *Quark*, and has appeared frequently on Japanese television. His studio in the Iidabashi district of Tokyo houses a collection of more than 8,000 puzzles, many of them antiques, and a large library of rare puzzle books. Nob's collection formed an important part of the exhibition "Puzzles Old and New," which traveled to museums around the world during the past four years.

Nob says he got his start in puzzles during the war, when at age 7 he was evacuated from Tokyo to the provincial town of Iwakuni, near Hiroshima. He had few friends, and whiled away his time solving a traditional peg solitaire puzzle he found in his grandfather's attic. Although none of the adults around him could solve the puzzle, he found an elegant solution, and a new love.

In college he studied chemical engineering—and magic on the side. An accomplished close-up magician, he still gives classes to amateur magicians in Tokyo. After college, he worked as a chemical engineer at a petroleum company until getting badly burned in an industrial accident. Recovery took years, and to make a living, Nob turned to teaching and writing about popular science and, increasingly, puzzles. At around age 30, he began inventing his own.

Today, Nob works with three puzzle factories, Hikimi, Toyo, and Hanayama, producing attractive puzzles in wood, glass, and cast iron. In one set of elegant block puzzles, which he created for Hikimi, each puzzle fits in a traditional Japanese square wooden sake cup. The puckish Nob titled the series "For Your Own Sake."

Nob has achieved fame in Japan as the inventor of some of the hardest mechanical puzzles—and some of the easiest! And sometimes what looks easy turns out to be hard. For example, his "Ant" puzzle consists of just four square cards showing paths of an underground ant farm. The object is to put them together into a 2 x 2 square to complete the picture, with all paths at the edges matching. The cartoon art adds to the puzzle's appearance of simplicity. But since the cards are printed on two sides, and each side can be positioned in any of four different ways, there are actually more than 24,500 permutations for the solver to consider. Clearly, a random solving approach would be unwise, and exhaustive trials would be ... well, exhausting. A systematic analysis is the key to finding the answer.

Nob has taken many classical Western puzzle ideas and introduced them in Japan with a new twist (for example, see "Sun Blocks" on the facing page). He always tries to make his puzzles entertaining, rather than just challenging. He says, "A good puzzle needs something unusual, something ridiculous, something strange ... something that normal thinking is not enough to solve. You have to look at the puzzle sideways. If someone solves a puzzle through exhaustive analysis, that's too much like work. Puzzles are for the other side of the brain."

In addition to creating puzzles in traditional formats, Nob has developed a computer software package called "Puzzletopia," with a suite of 20 puzzles and games, some old and some new. The graphics and sound effects are wonderful—whimsical, alluring, and delightful. Some 10,000 copies have been sold in Japan, with many more pirated, according to Nob. Unfortunately, it's currently available only for the NEC computer.

For more than 20 years Nob has been traveling the world hunting for classic puzzles and attending international puzzlers' gatherings. He will host a major one himself this summer in Tokyo.

Nob's sense of humor and love of the unexpected have made him very popular at these gatherings, where he is known as something of a practical joker. He has at various points introduced the "one-piece wooden burr puzzle" and the "1 x 1 x 1" Rubik's Cube (which looks like a colored die)!

Nob says that his jokes are too strong for most Japanese. His Western puzzle friends say, "Nob, you aren't Japanese!" Once, when he had a mustache, someone asked him if it was fake. "Oh, yes," he said. "This is a fake. The genuine one is in my pocket!" ■

*Robert High is secretary of the American Go Association and is writing a book called The Art of the Puzzle.*

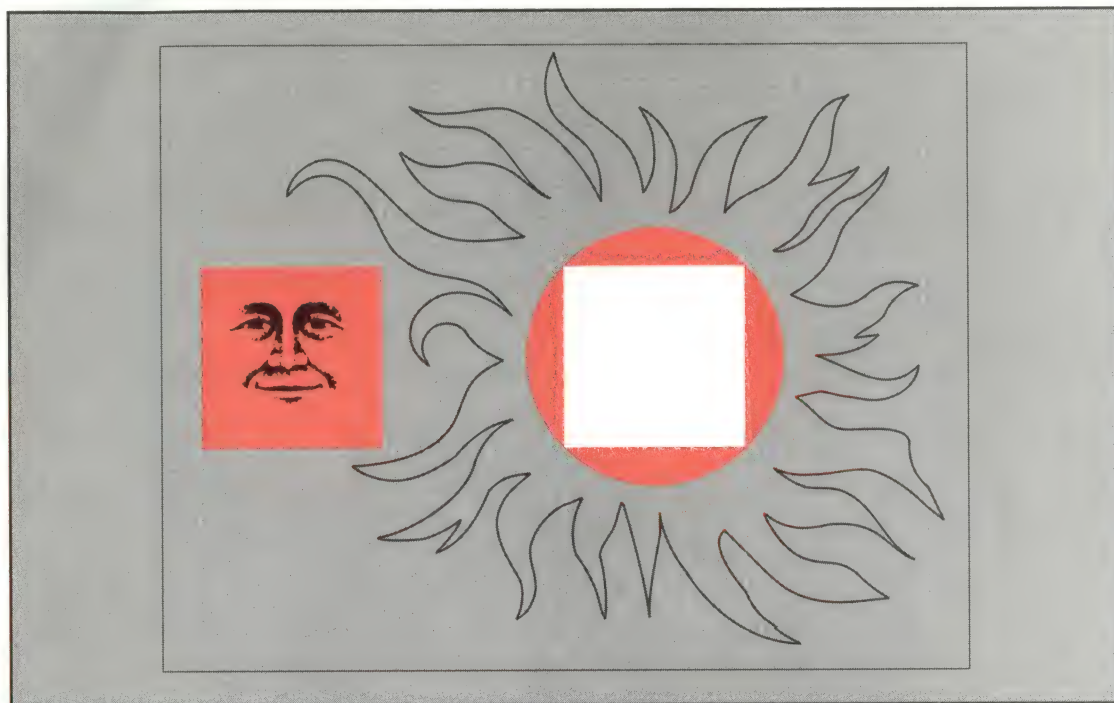


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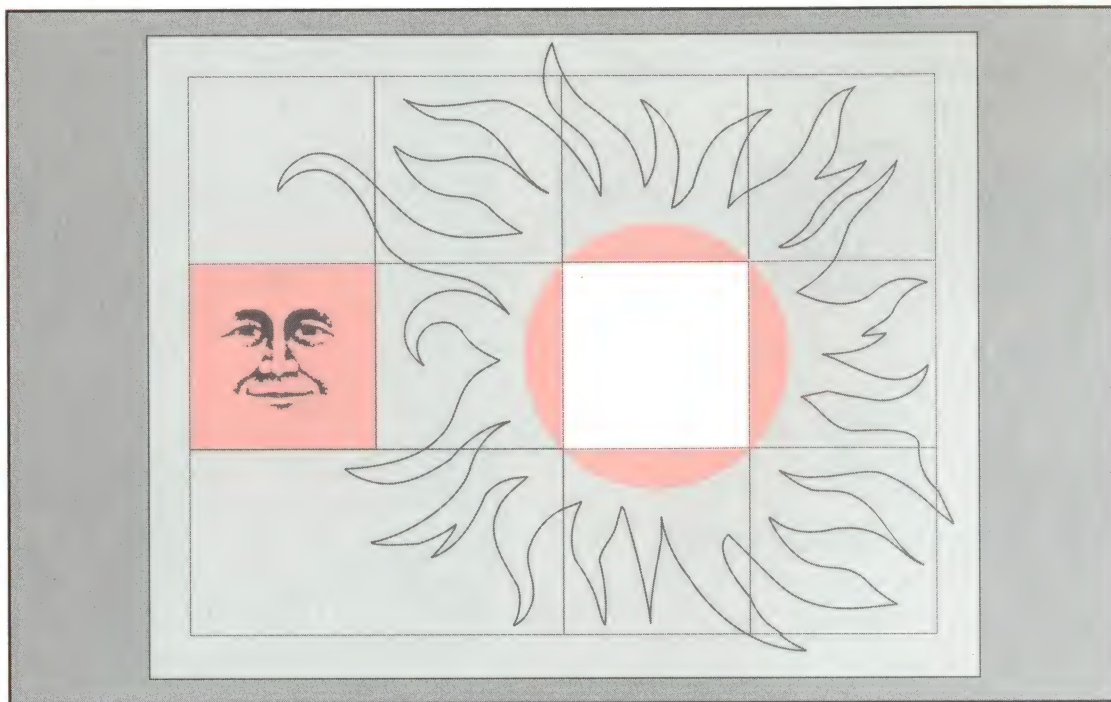
# OB YOSHIGAHARA

## SUN BLOCKS



Pop out the puzzle pieces along the perforations. Place them in their appropriate spaces in the grid below. Then slide the blocks until you complete the picture with the sun's face positioned correctly in the middle.

Sun Blocks looks easy—and it is—yet 9 out of 10 solvers are unable to solve it. It's based on a puzzle patented by J.I. Wiley in 1914, but the new version, with an ingenious new twist by Yoshigahara, is even more elegant than the original. • To start, remove the puzzle pieces along the perforated lines. Throw away the blank piece. Set the others in the grid so the designs on the pieces match the ones underneath. Then slide the pieces until you complete the picture with the sun's face positioned correctly in the center. Do not pick up or rotate any pieces in solving. • The minimum solution consists of just 28 moves. But solving the puzzle in *any* number of moves—and being able to explain how you did it—qualifies you as one of the cleverest people under the sun. **ANSWER, PAGE 38**





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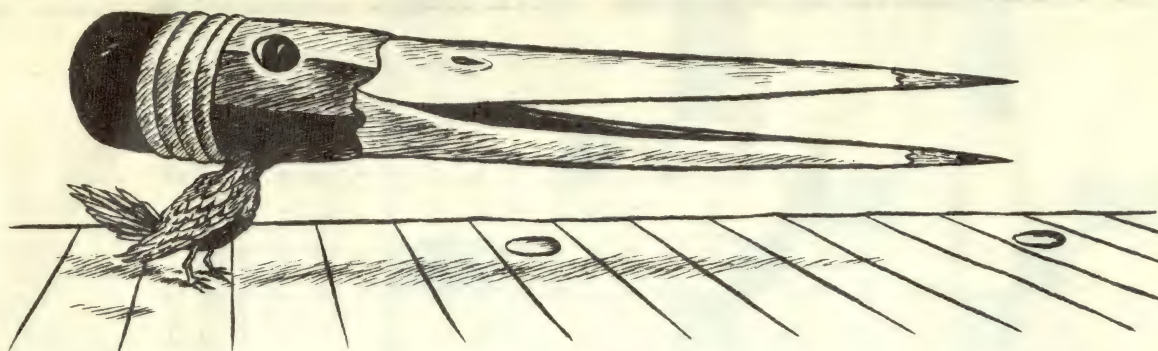
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# PENCILWISE



## TRIPLETS ★★

BY LAWRENCE GRAY

Each clue below consists of definitions for two six-letter words. The last three letters of one of the words will be the first three letters of the other, and you should enter them into the grid three letters per box with the overlapping triple in the

middle. Note that either definition may appear first. For example, the clue "Get smaller furs" would lead to the words LESSEN ("get smaller") and STOLEN ("furs"), overlapping on the LES as shown below.

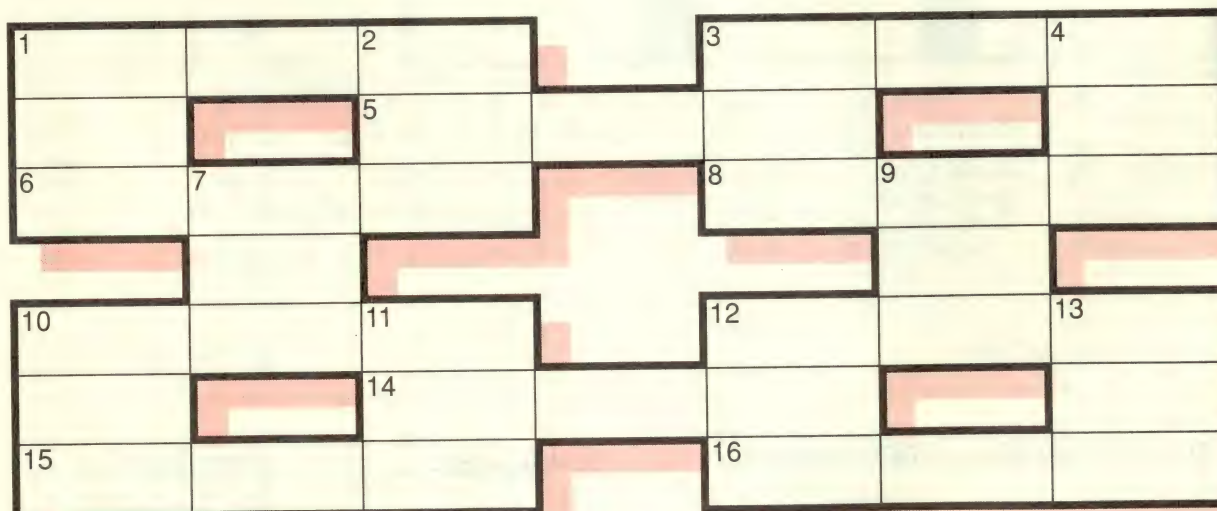
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Example:

STO

LES

SEN



### ACROSS

- 1 Nonprofessionals lose
- 3 Very religious means of expression
- 5 Lure faculty
- 6 Pet one who doesn't pay
- 8 President where cargo is stored on a train
- 10 Less talkative general at Little Big Horn
- 12 Lower gemstone
- 14 Blonde person from Ulan Bator
- 15 Nuclear drink that's been doctored
- 16 Claws behind the line of scrimmage

### DOWN

- 1 Deceived accountant's book
- 2 Cerebral orator
- 3 Refrigerator mechanism
- 4 Deadly thing to put on a horse's head
- 7 Dispatch military order for provision of quarters
- 9 Head covering element
- 10 Made-to-order spaghetti sauce ingredient
- 11 Preaching chimp
- 12 Growing lot of teeth
- 13 Ridicule a sheepdog, for example



If you're looking for some extra money, you've come to the right place. The dollar-sign grid below contains 40 words and phrases for money. Answers can be found horizontally,

vertically, or diagonally, but always in a straight line. We think you'll get your money's worth out of the puzzle, but if you can't find a word's cache, check the Answers. **ANSWER, PAGE 38**

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          T Y P R           H E H T
          O L E Y           P A S N
          S D T N           I O N E
      O H F N H T R O W S T N E C O W T
    F R A I E I E Y N D M U C H O D I N E R O
    S L H T N I P C I S O Y F E S E A O H S W
  D O E L D O O B A M E L O N G G R E E N G E T
P O G A I       B A S E       N N D S       R T U E A
M R G M       A D H G       C A U Y       B A O N
D E E L       N O A A       Y H A F       L A N D
L M T T       K S M B       D C I E
N I S O T       N K U U       D L T C
  U E M N Y R O C Z C S I N T L G O K A N
  N A A C P T A A K T Y H U A R L P E E T H
  A T I L T E B M S W Y D I M L D L S N L A
    S T C S N O E L O M I S W C T H N F R O
          O E N U           U T A A       G E E H A
          O E C Y           W I M S       H T E N
    P O L E       R R L I       F B P H       E A O D
  T E I M       E G E I       F O U N       S I E O
  T A A S K       K E D T       N W M O       Y L G L E
    N D N M O N C R A L L O D Y T H G I M L A E Y
    K C U B W A S E L B U O D P U D O I B D N
    B O T T O M D O L L A R H E A N M B D W I
      L S S S O N I E C U T T E L A S C
          A L C E           N Y O C
          D K A R           M O A R
          S K T W           C A I N
  
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ALMIGHTY DOLLAR

COOL MILLION

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SIMOLEONS

BANKNOTES

DO-RE-MI

MAZUMA

SMACKEROOS

BOODLE

DOUBLE SAWBUCK

MEGABUCKS

SMALL CHANGE

BOTTOM DOLLAR

DOUGH

MOOLAH

SPONDULICKS

BREAD

EASY MONEY

MUCHO DINERO

TEN-SPOT

CABBAGE

FILTHY LUCRE

NEST EGG

THIN DIME

CHICKEN FEED

FUNNY MONEY

PEANUTS

TIDY SUM

CLAMS

GREENBACKS

PETTY CASH

TWO BITS

C-NOTE

LEGAL TENDER

PRETTY PENNY

TWO CENTS WORTH

COLD CASH

LETTUCE

RED CENT

WAMPUM



# FUNNY DUOS ★

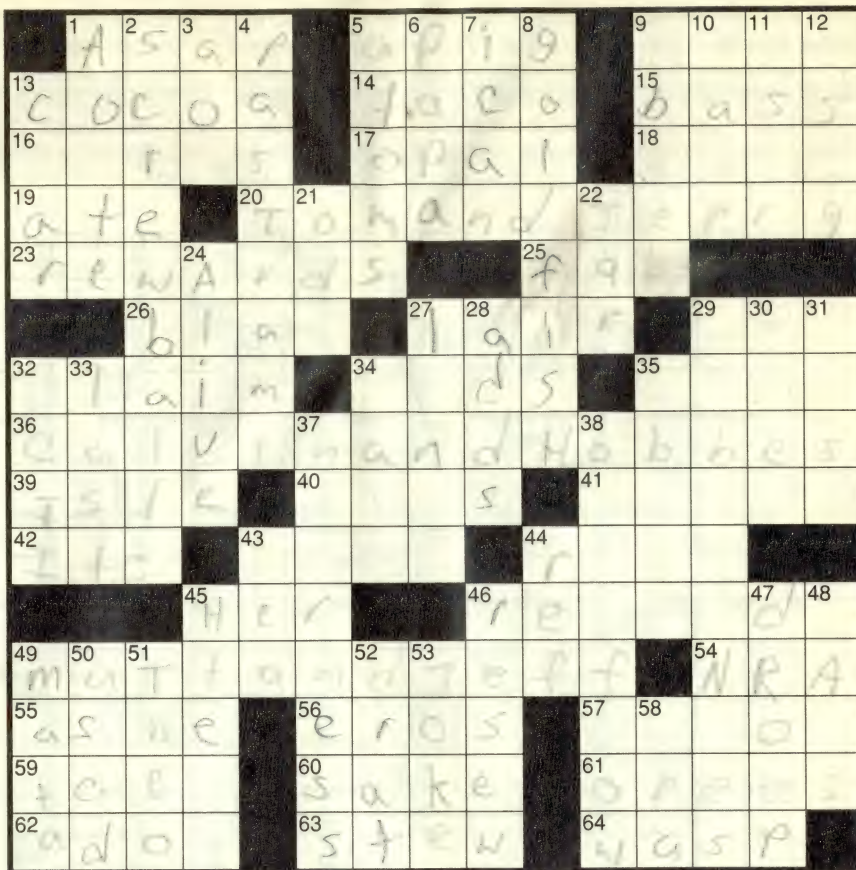
BY PETER GORDON

## ACROSS

- 1 Abbreviation on an invitation
- 5 Buy \_\_\_ in a poke: 2 wds.
- 9 Fail's alternative
- 13 Drink often garnished with marshmallows
- 14 Mexican snack
- 15 Kind of clef or saxophone
- 16 Throws forcefully
- 17 October birthstone
- 18 It offsets a loss
- 19 Had lunch
- 20 Cat/mouse duo of cartoons: 3 wds.
- 23 Moneys for catching outlaws
- 25 Craze
- 26 Gil \_\_\_ (French novel hero)
- 27 Lion's den
- 29 Grand Coulee, for one
- 32 Assertion
- 34 Writing tablets
- 35 Prefix with "vision" or "port"
- 36 Boy/tiger duo of comics: 3 wds.
- 39 Land surrounded by sea
- 40 Frosts a cake
- 41 Give a guarantee
- 42 "\_\_\_ Now or Never"
- 43 Plays a part
- 44 Tenant's expense
- 45 That lady
- 46 Enjoys a book a second time
- 49 Tall guy/short guy duo of comics: 3 wds.
- 54 Gun owners' group: Abbr.
- 55 Tennis great Arthur
- 56 Greek god of love
- 57 Indicate awareness of a fact: 2 wds.
- 59 Abound
- 60 "For Pete's \_\_\_!"
- 61 Popular sandwich cookies
- 62 Fuss
- 63 Meat-and-potatoes dish
- 64 Stinging insect

## DOWN

- 1 Highway
- 2 Tricky pitches
- 3 Book in an encyclopedia: Abbr.
- 4 Deli meat
- 5 Molecule parts
- 6 One of the Three Bears
- 7 "\_\_\_ See for Miles" (song by The Who): 2 wds.
- 8 Pet in a bowl
- 9 Called on an intercom
- 10 Controversial apple spray
- 11 Agitate
- 12 Creator of the Walkman



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- 13 Burn up
- 21 "\_\_\_ bodkins!" (old oath)
- 22 Jelly container
- 24 "Stayin' \_\_\_" (Bee Gees song)
- 27 Highway divisions
- 28 Calculates a total
- 29 They have coming-out parties
- 30 Actor Baldwin
- 31 Interlock, as gears
- 32 Half of CDIV
- 33 Final
- 34 Treaty
- 35 Steak cut
- 37 Pleasant quality
- 38 Flood, as a basin
- 43 Cry of discovery
- 44 Football judge
- 45 Goblet parts
- 46 Stitch again
- 47 Sag
- 48 Without: Fr.
- 49 \_\_\_ Hari (notorious spy)
- 50 Not new, as cars
- 51 Cliff Huxtable's son
- 52 "Doggone it!"
- 53 One-liner, for example
- 58 Pitching stat

# WALL-TO-WALL ★

BY PENNY A. ROMAN

This puzzle is designed to drive you up the wall. That's because each clue leads to a word or phrase containing WALL. For example, the clue "Australian marsupial" would

lead to the answer WALLABY, while "Do the utmost (for someone)" is GO TO THE WALL FOR. Only experts will get a wallowing 12 or more answers

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1. New York's financial center wall street
2. Billfold wallet
3. City in southeastern Washington \_\_\_\_\_
4. Confederate general at Bull Run \_\_\_\_\_
5. 1,500-mile-long Asian landmark great wall
6. One who only watches at a dance wall flower
7. Tire type \_\_\_\_\_

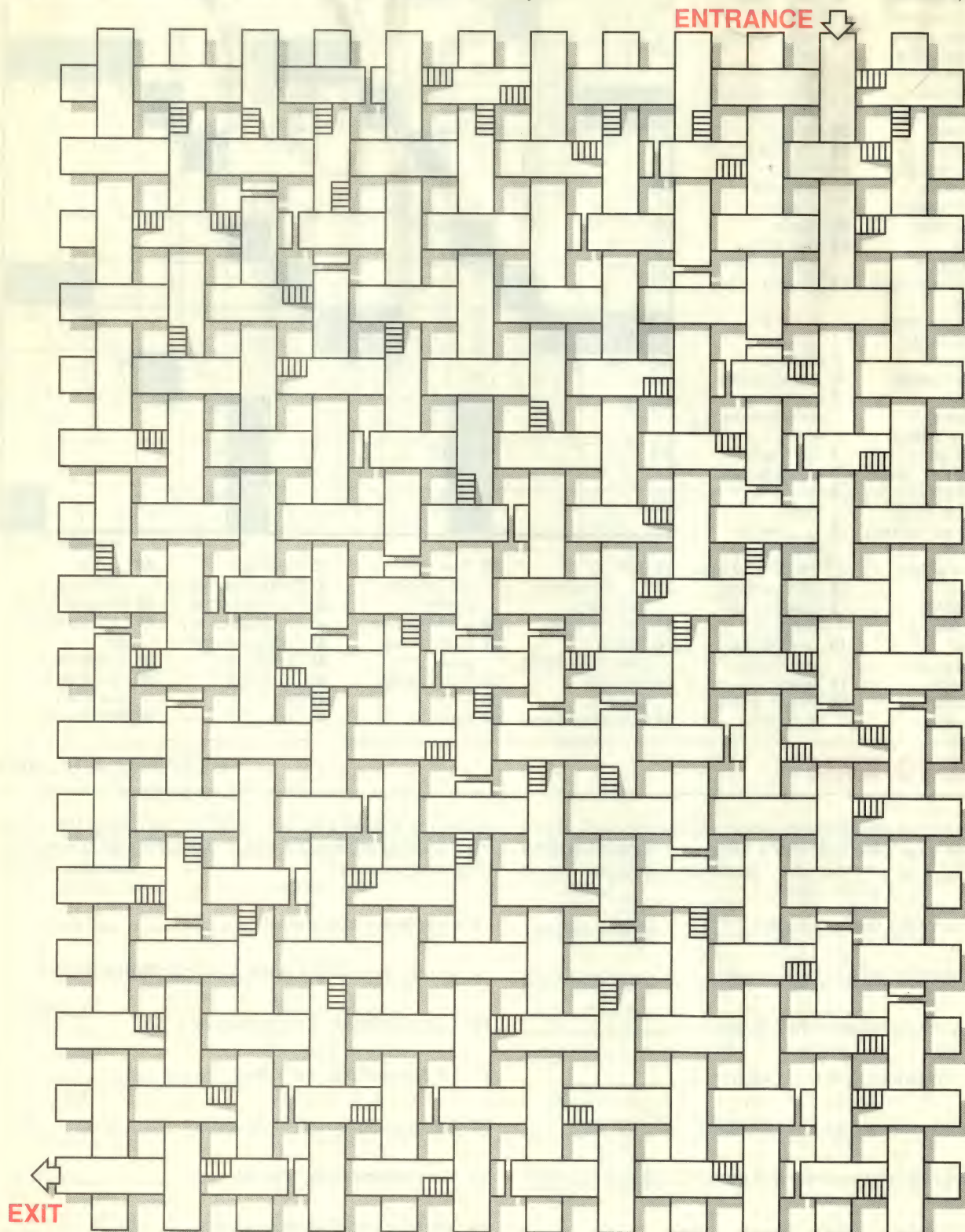
8. Sign of eventual defeat \_\_\_\_\_
9. British commander in the American Revolution cornwallis
10. Cocktail similar to a screwdriver honey wallbanger
11. Unconventional, as humor \_\_\_\_\_
12. Religious landmark in Jerusalem \_\_\_\_\_
13. "Ain't Misbehavin'" pianist \_\_\_\_\_
14. Warning about eavesdroppers \_\_\_\_\_



Welcome to the newly opened Institute for Bureaucratic Studies. As you've no doubt noticed, the building—designed by the renowned Frank Lloyd Wrong, you know—is a masterpiece of marvelously simple walkways and flights of stairs. We're now in the lobby—see, it's marked by the "Entrance" arrow on this map, and the arrow at the bottom indicates the only exit from the building. If you'd like to look around, feel free

to use any of the underpasses to walk under the walkways. You can also use the stairs to go from one level to the next, either up or down. Whatever you do, though, don't try to jump one of the open gaps in the walkways (that's how we lost poor Mr. Bumblefutz in Accounting). Well, I must be off now to shuffle some papers. You can find your own way out, can't you?

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# PENCIL POINTERS ★

BY STEPHANIE SPADACCINI

In this crossword puzzle, the clues appear in the grid itself. Enter the answers in the direction of the pointers.

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Phone inventor	Tomato	Sister of Zsa Zsa	Crosses out	Black leopard	Moved rapidly	General Robert	Starchy Turkish dish	"Golly!"	They work with MDs	Donkeys	TV oldie — Train	Swamp	Sack	Thrill	Lucy's <i>Peanuts</i> brother	For fear that
Where cakes bake	Great in scope	Fish related to the pike	Kind of pad or tender	Slants	Golfer's peg	Longing	Spring flower	Anger	Exxon, formerly Paradise	Lowest points "Sure!"	By way of	Destitute Nastase of tennis	Matter Actress Griffith	River of Russia	Stories	
Took a look	Golfers' org.	Crow's-nest sighting	Different	Rich coffee flavor	Turn the — cheek	Old hag	Pen (up) Farm workers	Tommy-rot	Insect in a hill	Baseball great Roger	Writer — Hunter	Method	Make a knot	Scale a mountain	Crook's cranny	Shade of blue
Kleenex and Xerox	Treat for Winnie-the-Pooh	Finale	Mend again	Classic Disney movie	In the thick of	"Forget it!"	Trousers Type of bobsled	Spares MPG ralers	Sister's girls	Preface Kite add-on	Slippery fish	Hunter's need	Disease of the tropics	Like a pauper	Threw light on	Permit Give the boot
Cut the grass	Wedding promise	Golf ball feature	Spooks	Mortise partner, in joints	One named in a will	He plays for pay	Trim Writer Deighton	Points in an ellipse	Bread buy	Captain Nemo's creator	Moon mission name	Desires	Printer's space units	The Raven writer	Naughty Eggs, to Caesar	



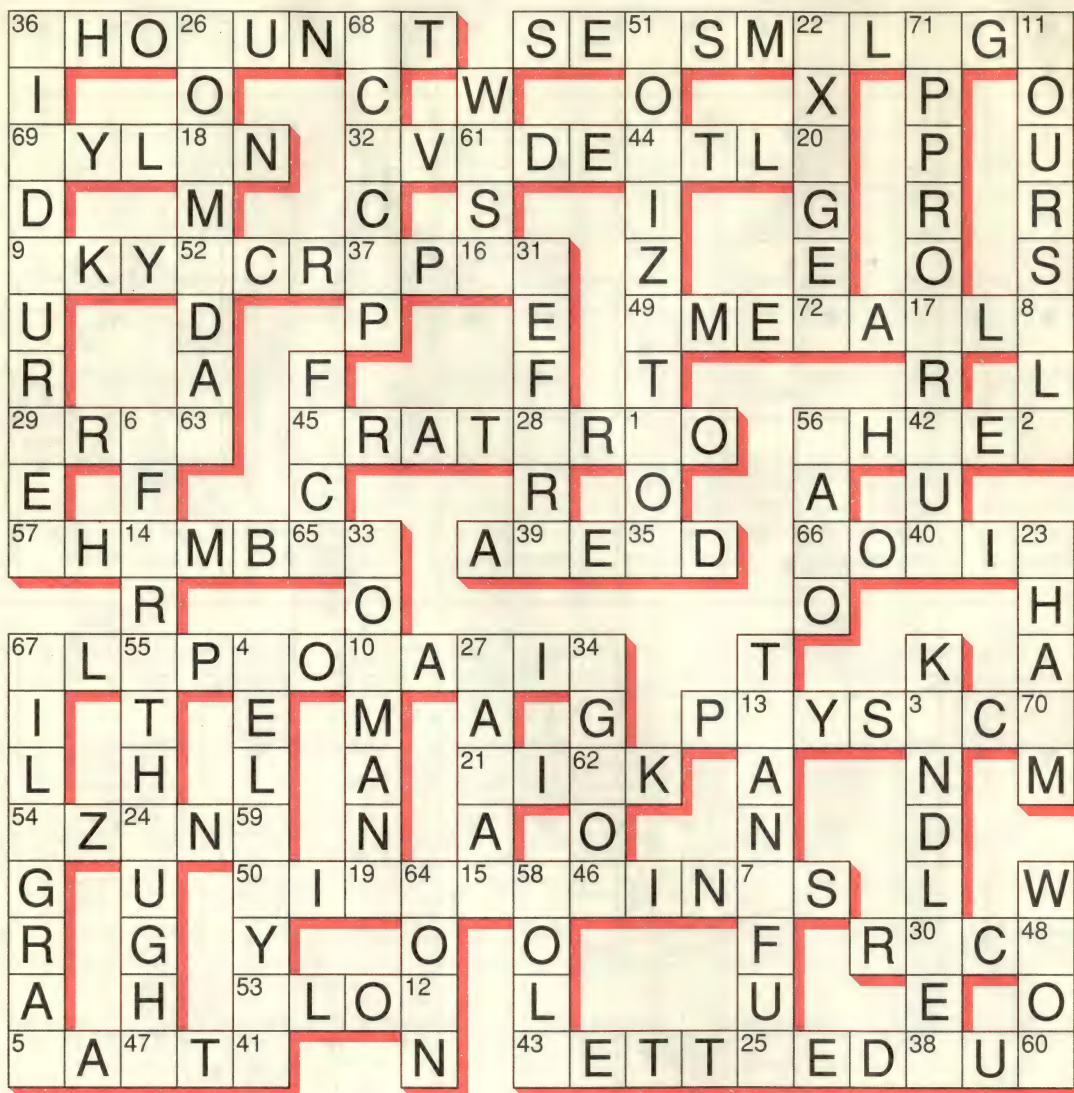
# CRISSCROSS QUOTATION ★

BY WILL SHORTZ

Fill in the missing letters in the grid below (everywhere that words intersect) to complete a framework of words reading across and down. Then transfer these letters to the appropri-

ately numbered dashes below the grid. The result will be a quotation followed by its author's name.

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16

17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32

33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46

47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58

59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72



Harry Haydn, the not-so-noted composer, is just a tad less prolific than his distant ancestor Franz Josef, who managed to dash off 104 symphonies. If truth be told, Harry's *first* symphony is still unfinished! But he's got a good excuse: All the musical instruments he needs are misplaced around his room, and he can't seem to find any of them. If you can find

the 19 instruments he's lost (accordion, bassoon, clarinet, cowbell, cymbals, drum with drumsticks, flute, French horn, guitar, harmonica, harp, kettledrum, piano, triangle, trombone, trumpet, saxophone, violin, xylophone), you'll help Harry settle the score.

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Below are seven messages—consisting of pithy sayings, fascinating facts, and a cartoon gag—that have been translated into simple cipher alphabets. Letter substitutions remain constant throughout any one cipher, but change from

one cipher to the next, and the level of difficulty increases as you progress. An asterisk (\*) indicates a proper noun or title.

Clues are given at the bottom of the page to provide assistance if you need it.

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## 1. CRYPTOON

FTLLRXRD ATVJ! HPT FC  
FMT WCPJQ TDCACSQ,  
VT'UT OTTA JTWWRAY  
FMCPJNAHJ CX FMTJT  
"HRKKRAY JNWTJ" JRYAJ!



## 2. YIELD SIGN

WAHQKMIUBLAH, CSLWS LI  
IYVVAIKG BA PK U  
BCA-CUX IBMKKB, LI  
BMKUBKG PX TUHX UI LE  
LB CKMK U GLQLGKG  
SLJSCUX.—\*TLII \*TUHHKMI

## 3. HACKS

MZL DPBVN ZTB GJUB MZL  
YZMLTJOBNT: MPVX  
ZMSNB VXB JT GJYBENBN  
ZEL VZADBT CJVX VXB  
ABVBT.

## 4. STOCKING UP

DIKIDH FIJHF IKH DKHIX  
MJILHF XE ZBR  
VPHYMHPFVUH VXHNF XE  
FHJJ IX REBK ESP DIKIDH  
FIJH FVY RHIKF TKEN PES.

## 5. NOT YOU AGAIN!

TPIQSFVMI MVIWSBU  
ZTZGL EKVBVDVM  
AMZVBUGL MVWCZMFCB  
TSBTGPUVI KZI DZIZQI  
ICLZBY "IVV LSP ISSB."

## 6. THE OLD SWITCHEROO

VPWMEH IXIBJIW: "VUM  
ZSWPXB AJMKPQMXPVPIE  
ZIWAIPBX" ZIX FM  
JMIJJIXBMQ VS "QIWX!  
MEMZVPXB VPWM PK  
IAAJSIZUPXB!"

## 7. CIRCULAR REASONING

VTYZV LTVWK YVZFB  
UIKWD EIIHK YZPKI SIFJX  
JTPHX LTJBK LTPHX  
ZBTHM YJTUK, SOFVI  
ZVFIH YJZLE OTGIJ ZQTGI  
YVTPX.

### TIPS AND CLUES

**Cipher 1:** Compare ciphertext patterns FMT and FMTJT. They represent THE and THESE respectively.  
**Cipher 2:** Note the two-letter ciphertext words LI, LE, and LB. Ciphertext L represents plaintext I. That means ciphertext U, which appears by itself, is probably A.  
**Cipher 3:** Ciphertext B, which appears 12 times, is a good bet to be the most common English letter, E.  
**Cipher 4:** Ciphertext F, which appears at the end of four words, represents plaintext S. Bonus hint: Ciphertext X=T.  
**Cipher 5:** The V and S, doubled in IVV and ISSB, represent vowels.  
**Cipher 6:** Ciphertext pattern -PXB, which ends three words, is plaintext ending -ING. Note its "switcheroo" at the end of ZIWAIPBX.  
**Cipher 7:** The five vowels A, E, I, O, and U are represented by F, I, P, T, and Z, though not necessarily in that order.

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# SET PIECE ★★

BY CHARLES GERSCH

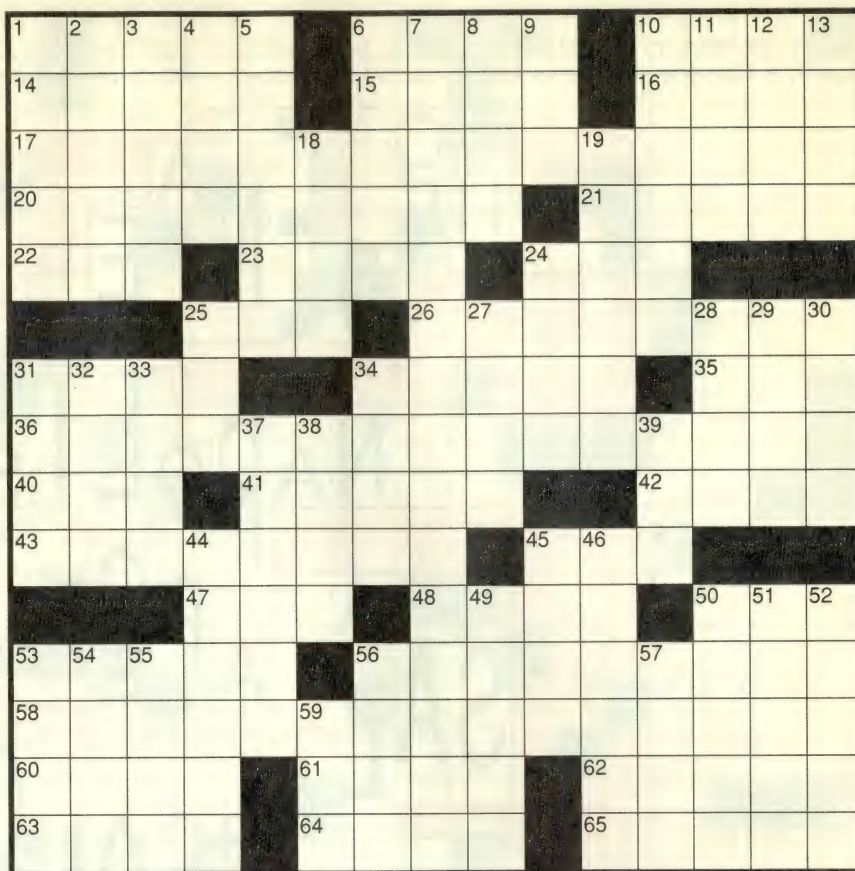
## ACROSS

- 1 "Be prepared," for the Boy Scouts  
6 \_\_\_\_ Team (George Peppard series): 2 wds.  
10 Like the jet set's attire  
14 "Doe, \_\_\_\_, ...": 2 wds.  
15 Writer Fleming and others  
16 Sharpen  
17 Sets: 2 wds.  
20 Set  
21 In \_\_\_\_ (having difficulties): 2 wds.  
22 Charlemagne's empire: Abbr.  
23 Damn Yankees temptress  
24 Pub drink  
25 If it's broken, it has to be set  
26 Upsetting, in slang  
31 Woodwind instrument  
34 Have a verbal set-to  
35 Right this minute  
36 Sets: 3 wds.  
40 Dover's state: Abbr.  
41 Drizzles  
42 Morning's end  
43 Setting out  
45 Actress Lupino  
47 OPEC concern  
48 Old-time worker  
50 Ted Koppel's network

- 53 Opera songs  
56 Set  
58 Sets: 4 wds.  
60 It thickens in some stories  
61 "\_\_\_\_ It Romantic?"  
62 Occupied, as a phone booth: 2 wds.  
63 Bills featuring Hamilton  
64 Memo  
65 Idiots

## DOWN

- 1 You can set a fire with one  
2 Scent: Fr.  
3 Past, present, or future  
4 Circus "big top"  
5 Baltimore player  
6 Kind of wave or pool  
7 Set: 2 wds.  
8 One of the deadly sins  
9 "\_\_\_\_ live and breathe!": 2 wds.  
10 Sculptor's tool  
11 Old skirt feature  
12 \_\_\_\_ uncertain terms: 2 wds.  
13 \_\_\_\_ la vie!  
18 Urban pollution  
19 NaCl vendor  
24 "Three men in \_\_\_\_": 2 wds.  
25 Appomattox Courthouse surrenderer  
27 FBI men: Abbr.  
28 Prefix with "Chinese"



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- 29 Canceled, as a rocket launch  
30 Actress Verdon, who played 23-Across  
31 Bookies set them  
32 Harvard veggie  
33 Man \_\_\_\_ Mancha: 2 wds.  
34 B \_\_\_\_ "boy": 2 wds.  
37 User of a paint set  
38 Kite attachment  
39 \_\_\_\_ tizzy (upset): 2 wds.  
44 Popular Sunday dinners  
45 Get \_\_\_\_ the ground floor: 2 wds.  
46 Lacking  
49 Strike, in olden days  
50 Pop singer Paula  
51 Divinely favored  
52 Harvest goddess  
53 Date with a Dr.  
54 Regulation  
55 Pour \_\_\_\_ (go all out): 2 wds.  
56 \_\_\_\_ facto  
57 Cartoonist Peter  
59 Yang's counterpart

# SWITCH IN TIME ★★

BY GLORIA ROSENTHAL

Every sentence in this puzzle contains three blanks. To fill them, find a word fitting the first blank that can be split into two other words that in *switched order* will fill the remaining two blanks. For example, the sentence "When painting \_\_\_\_, the artist found that flower-filled \_\_\_\_ be pretty subjects"

would become "When painting CANVASES, the artist found that flower-filled VASES CAN be pretty subjects." We hope you're *downright* eager to solve this puzzle; if so, get *right* down to it!

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- When her \_\_\_\_ said they might get the whole \_\_\_\_ from school as well as summer, Mother fainted.
- A \_\_\_\_ poet might write only one \_\_\_\_ year and still consider himself a genius.
- The beauty queen lost her \_\_\_\_ quality when she said smugly, "\_\_\_\_, others don't, and that's just the way it goes."
- All of the cod, \_\_\_\_, and mackerel the fisherman was unloading onto the \_\_\_\_ been caught in international waters.
- Employees of the Post \_\_\_\_ must scrape the \_\_\_\_ the outdoor mailboxes to open them after a winter storm.
- It's not wise \_\_\_\_ a person who's broke to play poker, since he's likely to wind up \_\_\_\_ the other players money.
- The long-winded explorer liked \_\_\_\_ of the times he survived a scorpion's \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_ constrictors' squeezes, and attacks by panthers.
- The losing team's quarterback passed the ball \_\_\_\_ to a running back, leading to a \_\_\_\_ in the fourth quarter.
- Being the \_\_\_\_ editor of a magazine takes youthful vigor, so it's hardly the right job for an \_\_\_\_.
- Consumer complaints \_\_\_\_ off rapidly after the city eliminated much of the bureaucratic \_\_\_\_.



When you're finished with the puzzle below, the grid will contain the names of all 50 U.S. state capitals, each reading directly across one of the rows. Letters shared by adjacent

capitals (that is, adjacent in the grid but not necessarily on the map) have been filled in. It's up to you to fill in the remaining letters, one per box.

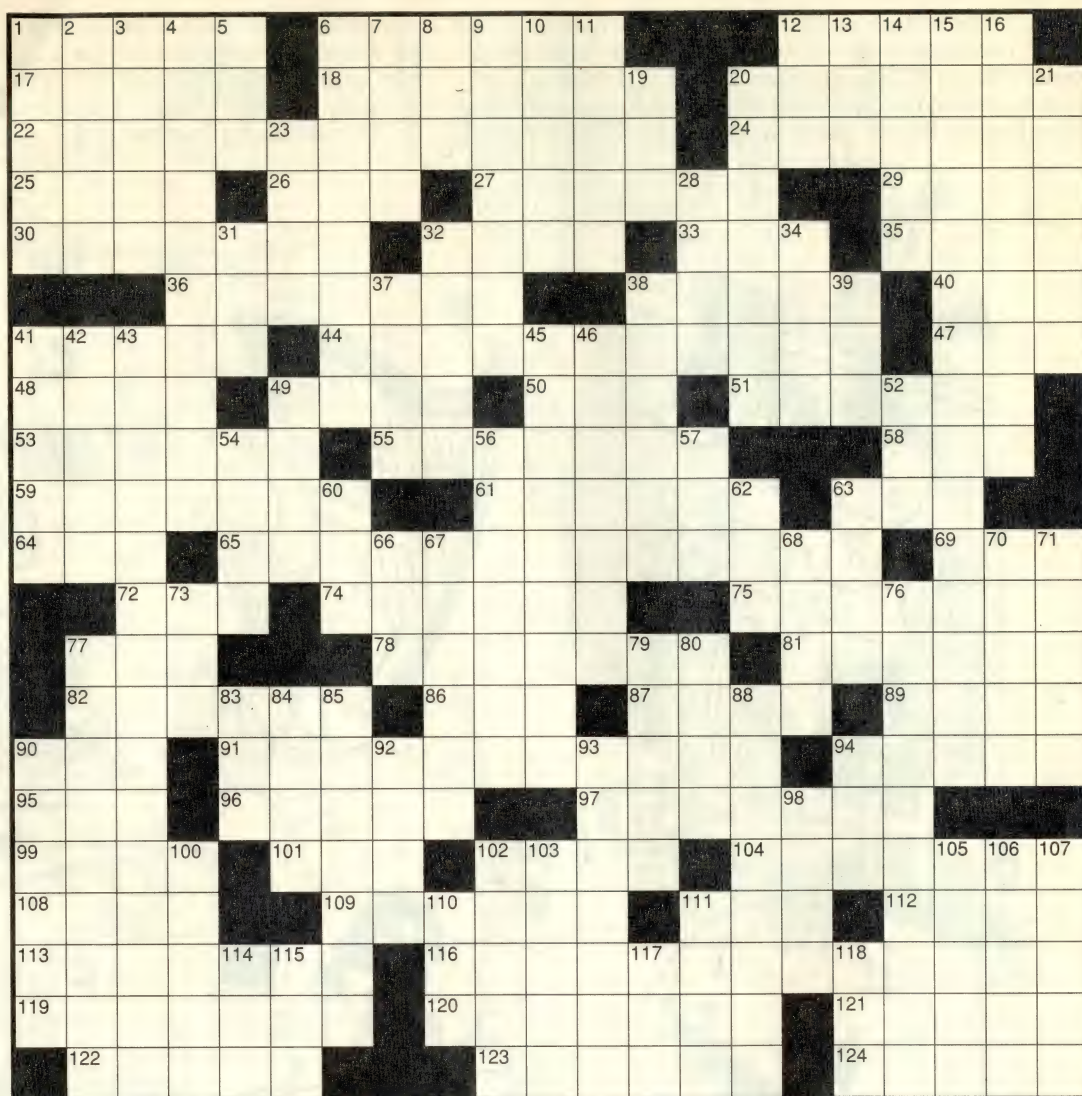
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## ACROSS

- 1 Security problems
- 6 Turkey's highest point
- 12 Some pollution
- 17 Andrea McArdle role
- 18 Chichén Itzá's El Castillo, e.g.
- 20 Unrest
- 22 Outshone the stars
- 24 Breather
- 25 Advertise
- 26 Dawn goddess
- 27 As a precaution
- 29 Pound of poems
- 30 Waiter's customer
- 32 With 48-Across, "This is yours," in Tours
- 33 Relay division
- 35 Actresses Thompson and Salonga
- 36 Pleas of "not guilty"
- 38 Pluto's orbit
- 40 Yahtzee piece
- 41 Parks and Lahr
- 44 Yakked
- 47  $\text{CH}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_2(\text{NO}_2)_3$
- 48 See 32-Across
- 49 Sabermetrics item
- 50 Attitude
- 51 Cupid's love
- 53 Hand in
- 55 More on the ball
- 58 Like some ink
- 59 High liver?
- 61 By a mile
- 63 Sight
- 64 Journal's end
- 65 Began belting
- 69 Call for the *cuadrilla*
- 72 Ruby of *Jungle Fever*
- 74 Where Quayle is president
- 75 Quake-related
- 77 Berkshire's home
- 78 Essences
- 81 Focused
- 82 "Kill \_\_\_\_!" (stadium cry)
- 86 Alice's boss
- 87 Average
- 89 Computer menu choice
- 90 Slingshot shape
- 91 Made difficult progress
- 94 Center of British Puritanism
- 95 Pendulum path
- 96 *Good Sports* costar



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## DOWN

- 97 Proceeding as planned
- 99 Five-time Wimbledon champ
- 101 Antepenultimate mo.
- 102 Migratory herring
- 104 More unfeeling
- 108 Bashful lover's place
- 109 *Drawing Hands* drawer
- 111 Bro or sis
- 112 Negri of the silents
- 113 Fizzy quaff
- 116 Caused snarls
- 119 Dunderhead
- 120 Compromise
- 121 Actress/singer Lenya
- 122 Mercury, for one
- 123 Equivalence
- 124 Perdue product
- 16 Boarded the Metroliner
- 19 Narc's org.
- 20 Made available
- 21 Social service
- 23 SAT taker
- 28 Big helping of the roast
- 31 \_\_\_\_ judicata (decided case)
- 32 Diaper choice
- 34 Salon products
- 37 Sounds of discovery
- 38 Regarding this
- 39 Artful
- 41 Treat the turkey
- 42 Sewing cases
- 43 Dated one's junior
- 45 Arachnophobe's nightmare
- 46 Cool cat
- 49 Texaco symbol
- 52 \_\_\_\_ de guerre (heraldry motto)
- 54 "Let \_\_\_\_"
- 56 Emulated Wiley Post
- 57 *Kidnapped* creator's monogram
- 60 Naysayer's answers
- 62 Rocky's cries
- 63 Not "fer"
- 66 Mattel man
- 67 Canine cover
- 68 Bundestag veto
- 70 Han's *Return of the Jedi* friend
- 71 Singing John
- 73 Thread holder
- 76 Defended
- 77 Cooler stuff
- 79 Fix up, as text
- 80 Stock exchange membership
- 83 Saucer sort
- 84 Like 78s
- 85 Maxim
- 88 With skill
- 90 Terre Haute's river
- 92 Heaters
- 93 Greedy fellow
- 94 Be decisive
- 98 Short, for short
- 100 Councilman's crime
- 102 Curly's replacement
- 103 "... sure would \_\_\_\_ lot": *Cheers* theme
- 105 Easy touch
- 106 Cream
- 107 Indy entrant
- 110 X, to Xanthippe
- 111 Roast turner
- 114 Part of FDR's "Alphabet Soup"
- 115 Unctuous insincerity
- 117 Altdorf's canton
- 118 Sitcom cat-chaser

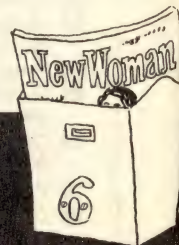
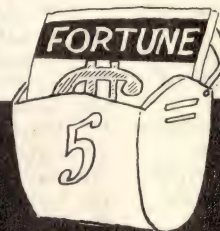
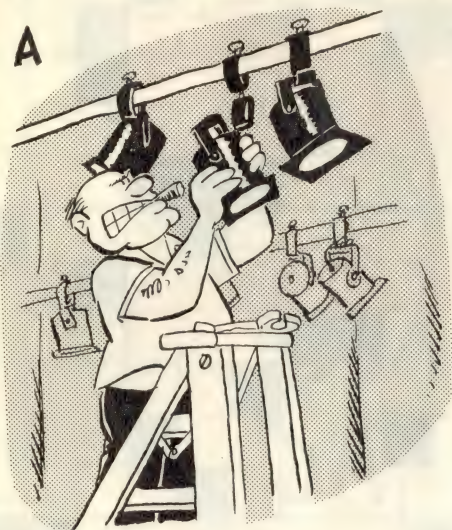


# TAKING ISSUE ★★

Although the Publishers' Mailing House sweepstakes said it wasn't necessary to subscribe in order to win, these people weren't about to take any chances. So, sight unseen, they each signed up for a magazine they mistakenly assumed was geared toward their interests. For example, that lighting

technician (A) is about to see his first copy of *Highlights* (2)! All the others are in for similar surprises when they leaf through the magazines waiting in their mailboxes. Can you correctly mismatch each mistakenly ordered magazine (1-12) to its new subscriber (A-L)?

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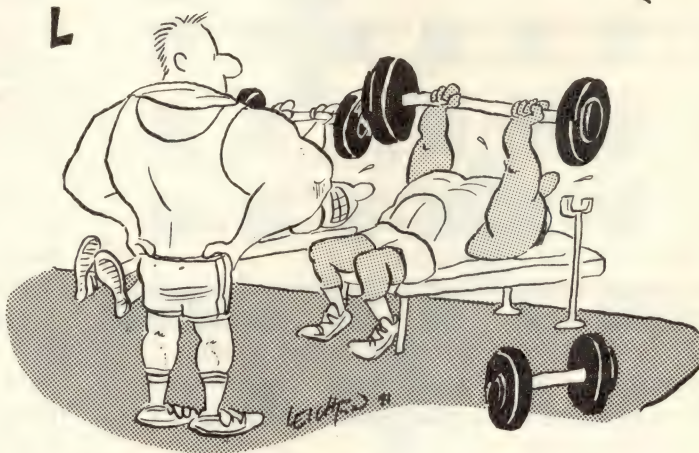
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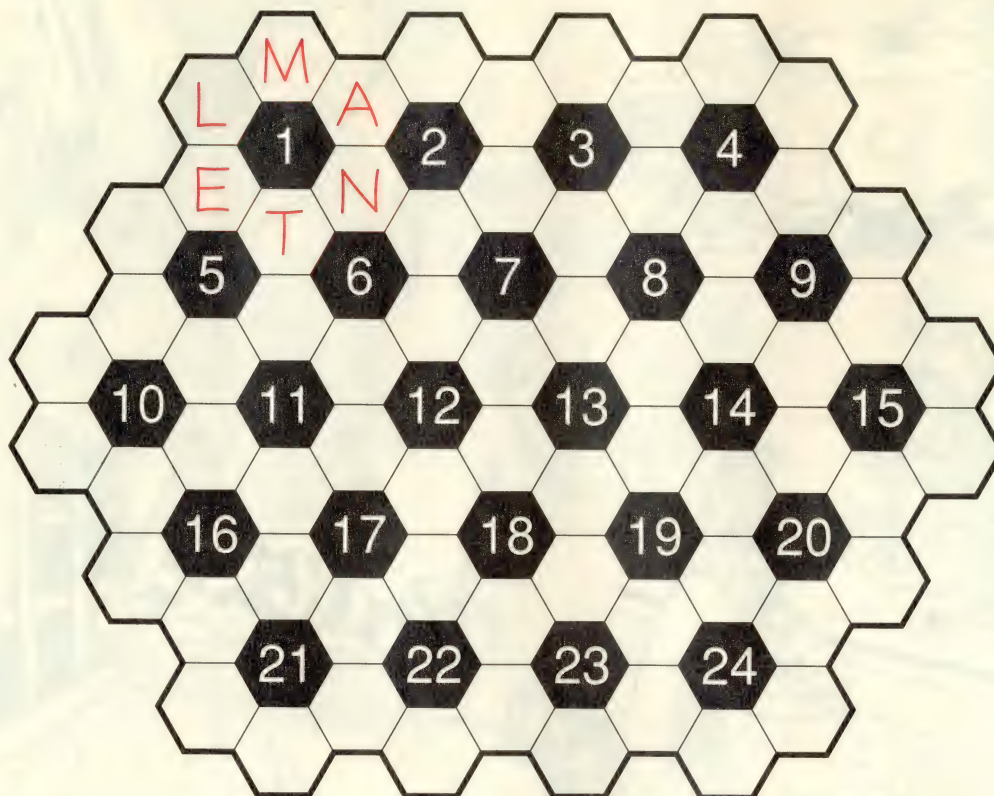




Each answer in this puzzle is six letters long. These six letters are to be entered into the six hexagons surrounding the appropriate number in the grid, reading clockwise or counter-clockwise. The direction and the starting space are for you to determine. Each clue consists of a sentence from which the consecutive letters of the answer have been removed and replaced with a star. The object is to reinstate the missing

letters (supplying spacing as needed) to complete a sensible sentence. For example, the answer to #1 is MANTEL, which completes the sentence "Heads from ANTELOPES and a rhino adorned the wall over the top of the fireplace." As a bonus hint, each clue also contains a synonym or short definition of the answer (like "top of the fireplace" in the example).

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- 1 Heads from★opes and a rhino adorned the wall over the top of the fireplace.
- 2 The secret agent was poisoned with some Mideastern bread dippe★enic.
- 3 The Great Pyr★ands in the center of several smaller ones on the bank of the Nile.
- 4 None of the tribesmen saw the medi★n flick a lizard into the cooking pot.
- 5 At state dinners in Washing★sts will rarely use foul language.
- 6 The Japanese church plans to start a new pari★kyo.
- 7 The perfume maker put a secretion of the orc★lass vials.
- 8 The Braves' hitter had a batting avera★mally better than the slugger for the Twins.
- 9 The TV current affairs program suggested that laws against burning the fl★nger our First Amendment rights.
- 10 Bandits robbed the lingerie boutique, takin★tionables of all types.
- 11 The inventor of the waterb★e of the most underrated geniuses of all time.
- 12 Cereal covered with su★ardly the best breakfast for a loud, hyperactive child.
- 13 The sore loser wouldn't congratulate the other team's co★ym class.
- 14 Our scout group went campin★king in the forest named for a celebrated Indian brave.
- 15 Is Dian★ture goddess?
- 16 Most roads★ls charge a lower rate than resorts.
- 17 Odysseus knew he was one step closer to freedom when Poseidon lowered hi★nt.
- 18 The sculptor dabbled in kineti★ce, making a mobile out of two spheres and a box.
- 19 Many chil★oose not to bathe except when forced by their parents.
- 20 A mischievous group of sophomo★eavored to broadcast over the school's PA system.
- 21 At twilight, I find the cool stillnes★tling.
- 22 My bank refuse★d me the money to open a hot dog stand.
- 23 Though many Dallas stores sell cheap copies, we sell only authenti★tar State flags.
- 24 Only an athletic teenager mak★ecord book before Job Corps offers him work.



# CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS ★★★

Each clue in a cryptic crossword contains two parts: a definition of the answer and a second description of it through wordplay. Finding the dividing point between the parts is the

key to solving. Watch for anagrams, hidden words, charades of two or more smaller words, and other language tricks. Puzzle 2 is harder than Puzzle 1.

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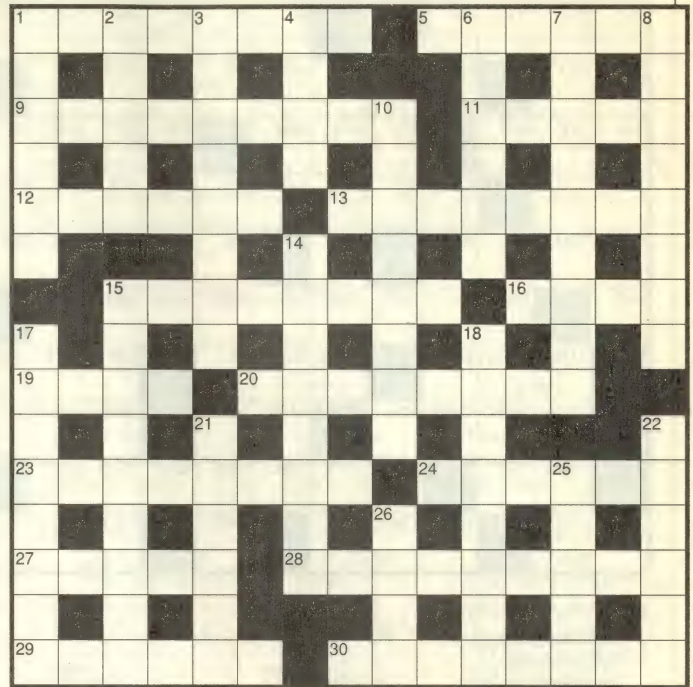
## PUZZLE 1 BY EMILY COX & HENRY RATHVON

### ACROSS

- 1 So, cashew nuts display to good effect (8)  
 5 Some of media personalities dress for the very young (6)  
 9 Daffy Duck hears princes (9)  
 11 Smooth over Grant's first defeat (5)  
 12 Spanish fish squirts (6)  
 13 Hungry Pennsylvania farmers held by G-man (8)  
 15 Towers are located in buildings where coins are produced (8)  
 16 Chaney adopts one cat (4)  
 19 Some land for a \$100 note (4)  
 20 Drown self, sister, and sweetheart (8)  
 23 Cryptic clues he'd plan (8)  
 24 Street through evergreens, for starters (6)  
 27 African tribesman fumbled a bunt (5)  
 28 Secret money supply for rich entertainment in South Dakota (5,4)  
 29 Model rates Z "phony" (6)  
 30 Star towels off knickknacks (8)  
 4 Fermented rice drink from Mombasa, Kenya (4)  
 6 Miss Bergman riding horses around (6)  
 7 In Mexico, eight dividing cost for individual decision (3-6)  
 8 All but the first piece of chief executive's liver? (8)  
 10 Greeks who were warlike without taking part (8)  
 14 Quarrels with right angles (8)  
 15 Sellers disturbed Ernst Mach (9)  
 17 Dad's fur is mediocre (8)  
 18 Inside truck building, I disappeared (8)  
 21 Alter commercial only (6)  
 22 Actor's muttered

### DOWN

- 1 Meager boxes empty (6)  
 2 Prize rings on auto (5)  
 3 Villain passing on work at a golf course (8)



remarks, as on Caesar's time to beware (6)

25 Arab found in Nassau directory (5)

26 Famous bishop's ballet dress (4)

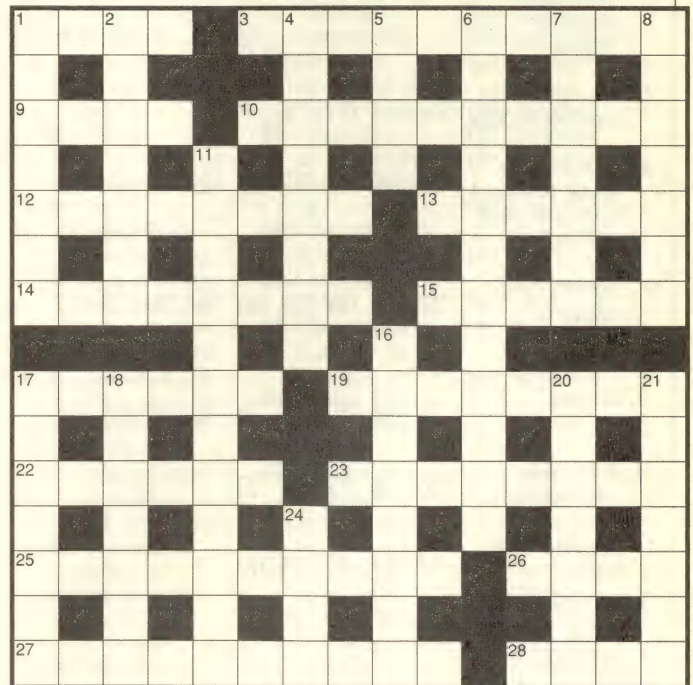
## PUZZLE 2 BY KAREN HODGE

### ACROSS

- 1 Practice fee (4)  
 3 Fantastic pastel, once like a rainbow (10)  
 9 Require massage, so to speak (4)  
 10 Brewing tonic tends to produce restlessness (10)  
 12 Outlines scam; takes a trip (8)  
 13 Section of temple a secret delight (6)  
 14 Perfection is found in pageantry (8)  
 15 Flu symptoms in cold elevations (6)  
 17 Philanthropic Nicaraguan has to eat outdoors (6)  
 19 Builders' sinks (8)  
 22 Snobbish college prof's first to feel sorry (6)  
 23 Have Paul cracking up in confusion (8)  
 25 Unjustified for Rosie O'Neill actress to accept ring (10)  
 26 Reportedly is sick from beers (4)  
 27 School's principal writes in journal where you can get drugs (10)  
 28 Active agent takes in Central America (4)  
 4 Flower with writing around edge (8)  
 5 Catch leaderless bunch of sheep (4)  
 6 Carol, the French head of household, and Ed alone (6-6)  
 7 Examine alley, be eccentric (7)  
 8 Ties the rest in a knot (7)  
 11 Contaminated Ground: Keep Out (2,10)  
 16 Company magazine's original riddle for songwriter (8)  
 17 Stopped and pitched (7)  
 18 Policeman with debts aplenty (7)  
 20 East Nevada man originally from Warsaw

### DOWN

- 1 Victory! Raise purplish chalice (4,3)  
 2 Reaper is \$1000 poorer (7)



turned up in shelter (7)  
 21 Climbing

mountains in Switzerland—short and

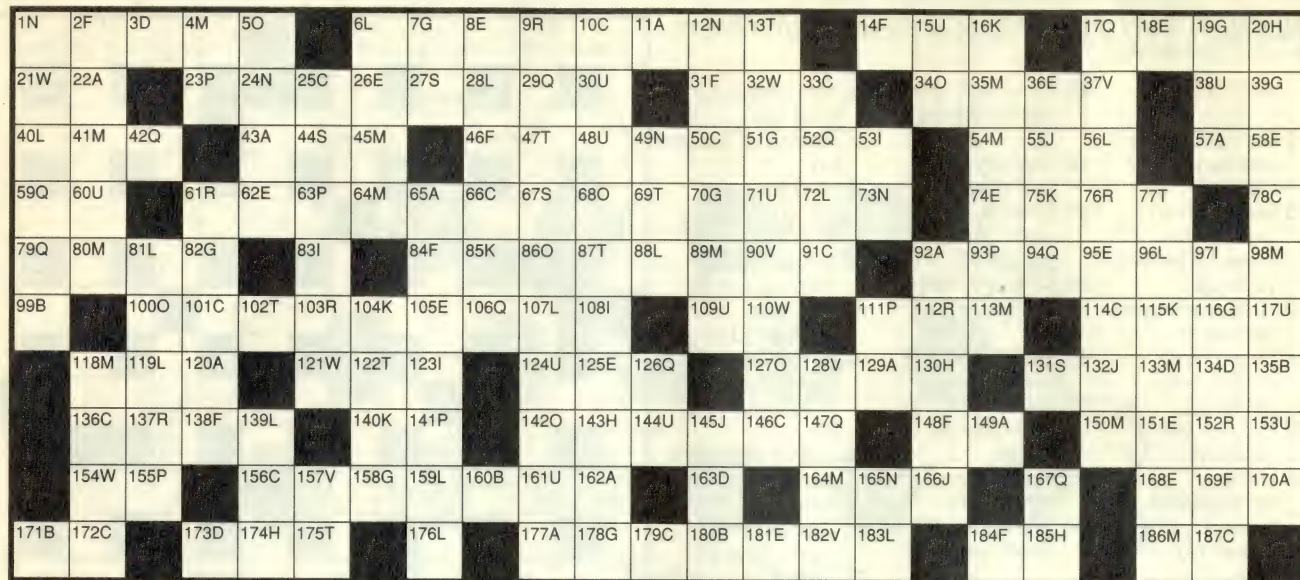
spectacular (7)  
 24 Almost luxurious bonus (4)



Answer the clues for words to be entered on the numbered dashes. Then transfer the letters on the dashes to the correspondingly numbered squares in the puzzle grid to spell a quotation reading from left to right. Black squares separate

words in the quotation. Work back and forth between grid and word list to complete the puzzle. When you're done, the initial letters of the words in the word list will spell the author's name and the source of the quotation.

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A. Painter of *Room in Brooklyn* and *Nighthawks* (2 wds.)

149 162 177 170 11 22 43 57 92  
120 129 65

B. Golf course, informally

99 160 171 135 180

C. Walt Disney's first cartoon character (3 wds.)

10 25 136 66 146 172 187 50 91  
156 33 78 114 179 101

D. Lowest card in a pinochle deck

134 163 173 3

E. Best Actress Oscar winner of 1970 and 1973 (2 wds.)

168 26 36 58 105 125 74 151 8  
181 95 62 18

F. Senator who began a scholarship program

84 2 138 148 169 184 46 14 31

G. Snakes

51 158 178 7 19 39 70 82 116

H. The Lorelei overlooks it

130 143 174 185 20

I. *La vita nuova* author

53 83 97 108 123

J. "Whither thou goest, I will go" speaker

132 145 166 55

K. Iroquois tribe whose name means "people of the standing rock"

75 104 115 140 16 85

L. Dick Haymes tune of 1943 (3 wds.)

183 96 119 139 159 40 56 6 72  
88 28 107 176 81

M. Italian explorer best known for his name (2 wds.)

98 150 113 45 89 64 80 35 4  
54 164 133 41 118 186

N. Like bromine or mercury at room temperature

49 12 1 165 24 73

O. Seventeen of a Monopoly board's spaces

100 86 127 5 68 34 142

P. Took home

63 93 111 141 155 23

Q. Only jockey to win the Triple Crown twice (2 wds.)

42 126 147 17 29 106 79 59 167  
94 52

R. Archenemy of Wonder Woman (with "The")

61 76 103 137 9 152 112

S. Japan's parliament

131 27 44 67

T. Pulitzer-winning cartoonist of 1967

87 69 47 175 122 13 77 102

U. Houston's #1 tourist attraction (2 wds.)

117 124 161 15 38 71 48 109 30  
144 153 60

V. Turn outward

157 128 182 37 90

W. Luster

121 154 21 32 110



## CHARACTERISTIC INITIALS ★★

BY WILL SHORTZ

Each of the following is a clue to a famous person, past or present. What's more, the initial letters of the clue words are also the initials of the person in question. For example, the clue "Madame Tory" suggests the answer MARGARET THATCHER. A score of 20 or more correct answers is uncharacteristically good.

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1. Studied Fears \_\_\_\_\_
2. Aviatrix Extraordinaire \_\_\_\_\_
3. Masterminded Glasnost \_\_\_\_\_
4. Indian Governor \_\_\_\_\_
5. Medallioned Swimmer \_\_\_\_\_
6. Yankee Baseballer \_\_\_\_\_
7. Made *Silkwood* \_\_\_\_\_
8. Advises Lovelorn \_\_\_\_\_
9. Massachusetts Democrat \_\_\_\_\_
10. Penned Beautiful Sonnets \_\_\_\_\_
11. Austrian Strongman \_\_\_\_\_
12. Glad His Wife's Barbara \_\_\_\_\_
13. Asks Trivia \_\_\_\_\_
14. Fast Girl Jock \_\_\_\_\_
15. He Conquered Mekong \_\_\_\_\_
16. Job: Chef \_\_\_\_\_
17. Geriatric Fighter \_\_\_\_\_
18. She Delineates Opinions \_\_\_\_\_
19. Jotted Patriotic Songs \_\_\_\_\_
20. Abusive, Denigrating Comedian \_\_\_\_\_
21. Lady Hotelier \_\_\_\_\_
22. Best Crooner \_\_\_\_\_
23. Clothes Designer \_\_\_\_\_
24. Betrayed America \_\_\_\_\_
25. Famed Nurse \_\_\_\_\_
26. Homer Ace \_\_\_\_\_
27. "Panther" Star \_\_\_\_\_
28. Fowl Purveyor \_\_\_\_\_
29. Golf Pro \_\_\_\_\_
30. Interpretive Dancer \_\_\_\_\_

FOLD THIS PAGE

## THE WORLD'S MOST ORNERY CROSSWORD

BY ERIC ALBERT

### Crazy Eights

The crossword on this and the next two pages has two independent sets of clues: "Hard" and "Easy." First, fold this page back on the dashed line so the clues below face the solving grid on page 37. If you use only the Hard Clues (appearing below and continuing under the grid), you'll find the puzzle uncommonly challenging. If you want help, or prefer a less severe challenge, open to the Easy Clues (tucked in beneath your fold on page 36).

### HARD CLUES ★★★

#### ACROSS

- 1 Miles Archer's partner
- 9 Laertes's sis
- 16 Ivory tower inhabitant
- 24 Who greets the President first, and so on
- 25 Trial balloons
- 26 More allegro than lento
- 27 Creek near Sharpsburg
- 28 Immune from ardor
- 29 Gershwin's Paris pilgrim
- 30 Bowl section
- 31 Finishing last
- 33 Route off a ship, for some
- 34 Sniggling catch
- 35 Weary
- 38 Hood's résumé
- 43 Scores by RBs
- 46 Brook
- 47 Betazoid on *Star Trek*, e.g.
- 48 King Bhumibol Adulyadej, for one
- 49 Round singers
- 50 Get a rise out of?
- 51 Hobby addict
- 52 Writes a biographical sketch of
- 53 Off-road racer
- 54 Coquette's drop
- 55 Mouth-to-mouth recitation
- 56 Eleazar, for one
- 57 Dummy, to declarer
- 58 Duvall role of 1980

- 59 Nova Scotia native
- 60 Meat treatment
- 61 *L'\_\_\_\_\_ de Pingouins* (Anatole France novel)
- 62 Run-down
- 67 Basketball center
- 68 This miss
- 69 *Man-Mancha* link
- 70 Louisiana's namer
- 71 Perturbs
- 77 \_\_\_\_\_ Simbel (Ramses II temple site)
- 78 React to blows
- 79 1985 Barry Levinson film
- 83 Hindi equivalent of "rex"
- 86 Restorer's deg., perhaps
- 87 Quarterback call
- 88 They generally vote second
- 92 Composer Satie
- 93 Casals prop
- 94 Cash cache, for short
- 95 Bowzer's band
- 96 Rocket killer, briefly
- 97 It "does a body good"
- 98 Swell on the Seine
- 103 Nancy Drew's boyfriend
- 104 Heel, for one
- 106 Make-up artists?
- 107 Act as a metronome
- 112 Extremely difficult
- 113 Gasbags

- 114 Laugh riot quality
- 115 Unevenly?
- 116 *Fists of Fury* star
- 117 Pen punishment
- 118 Gomez's portrayer
- 119 Anesthetized
- 120 1984 Alan Rudolph movie
- 121 Isr. neighbor
- 122 Disputes
- 123 TV psychologist
- 124 Green eggs side dish
- 127 \_\_\_\_\_ in the *Crowd*
- 129 Party
- 131 Radius, e.g.
- 132 Labyrinth locale
- 135 Resolve
- 137 Curiosity
- 141 Immediately like
- 142 Emulate The Who in '86
- 143 Good naval discipline
- 144 Like the B2
- 145 Reduced to scrap metal
- 146 Sage man?

#### DOWN

- 1 Rush
- 2 Corbin's character
- 3 Place for a man of affairs?
- 4 Calaboose
- 5 C. Auguste Dupin's originator
- 6 Be in a cast
- 7 Suspense classic of 1950
- 8 Freddy's haunt
- 9 More or less



# THE WORLD'S MOST ORNERY CROSSWORD (CONTINUED)

DON'T PEEK  
UNTIL YOU READ  
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## EASY CLUES ★

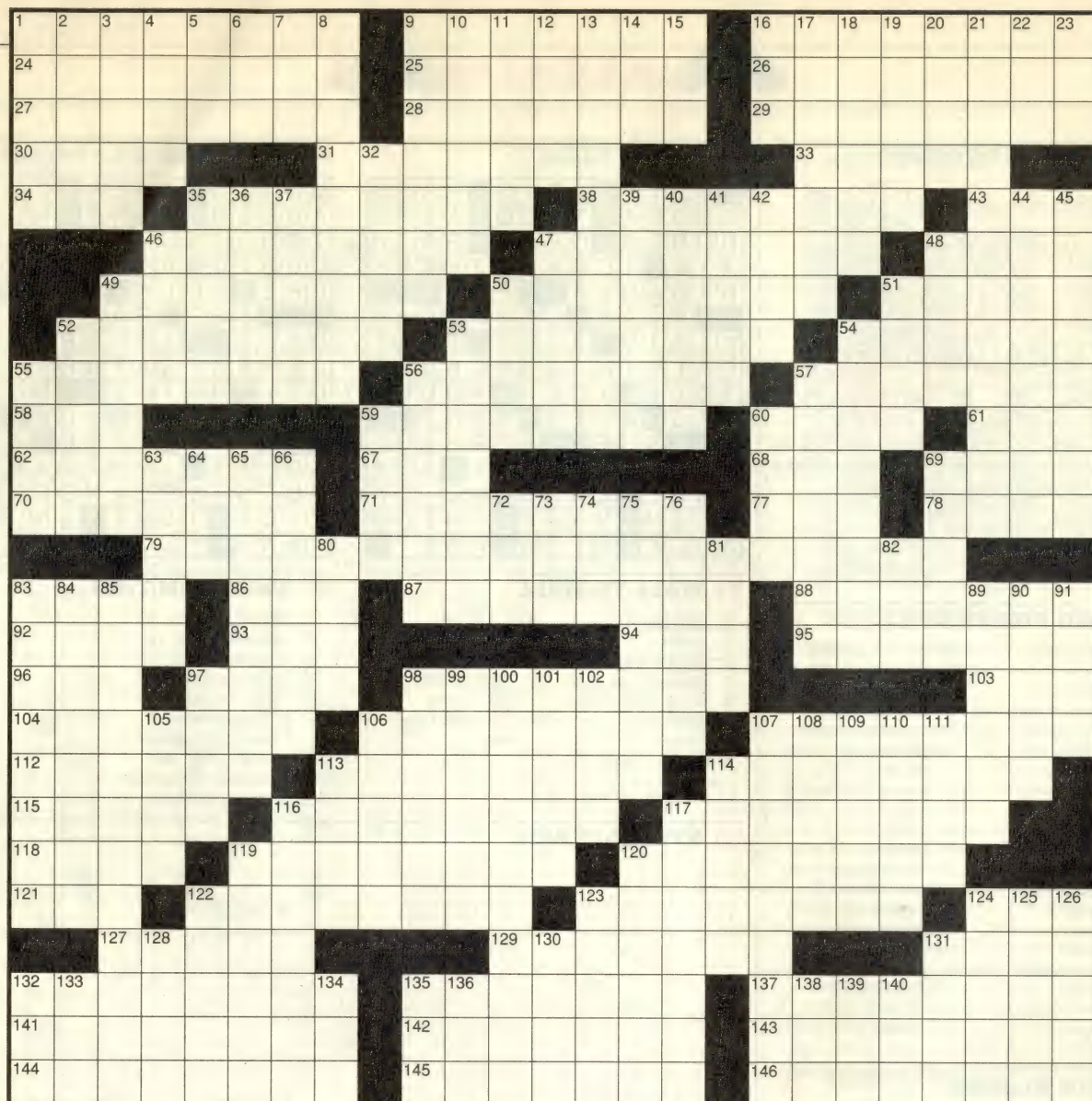
### ACROSS

- |   |   |  |   |  |  |
|---|---|--|---|--|--|
| 1 Bogart's role in <i>The Maltese Falcon</i> : 2 wds. | 62 Poorly maintained  | 118 Actor Julia of <i>The Addams Family</i>            | 6 Play part   | 47 Mortise's partner in joints (NONET anag.) | 99 State university governor                           |
| 9 Hamlet's love                                       | 67 What we breathe  | 119 Made numb  | 7 1988 Dennis Quaid movie                           | 100 Boy with 21 merit badges: 2 wds.         |  |
| 16 College-related                                    | 68 That girl  | 120 Hand-raiser's request: 2 wds.                      | 8 <i>A Nightmare on</i> ____: 2 wds.                | 48 Hue                                       |  |
| 24 Diplomatic etiquette                               | 69 Man ____ <i>Mancha</i> : 2 wds.                            | 121 Damascus's nation: Abbr.                           | 9 Out ____ (ill-tempered): 2 wds.                   | 49 Warbles                                   | 101 Rider's horse                                      |
| 25 Ant antennae                                       | 70 French explorer of the Mississippi                         | 122 Disputes, as a will                                | 10 Comedian Herman                                  | 50 Italian coins                             | 102 Yawn-provoking talker                              |
| 26 Medium speed, in music (DATE ROOM anag.)           | 71 Shakes up  | 123 Parker ____ (game company)                         | 11 Put a spell on                                   | 51 Taxi passenger                            | 105 Grain-grinding site                                |
| 27 Civil War battle site in Maryland                  | 72 ____ Dhabi (Persian Gulf city)                             | 124 ____ it up (overact)                               | 12 Building additions                               | 52 Animal kingdom divisions (HAPLY anag.)    | 106 Unrefined, as oil or people                        |
| 28 Neuter   | 73 Virginia dance   | 127 Has ____ that could stop a clock (is ugly): 2 wds. | 13 Golfer on the Seniors Tour: 2 wds.               | 53 Writer Daphne Du ____                     | 107 Radio frequency unit                               |
| 29 The "A" in AFL-CIO                                 | 74 1985 film based on Arthur Conan Doyle's characters: 3 wds. | 129 Go on a drinking spree                             | 14 Form 1040 issuer: Abbr.                          | 54 Throat-clearing sound                     | 108 "Für ____" (Beethoven work)                        |
| 30 Layer  | 83 Prince of India  | 131 Skeleton piece                                     | 15 Donkey   | 55 Spring's shape                            | 109 "Peter, Peter, pumpkin ____"                       |
| 31 Least speedy                                       | 86 Arts degree: Abbr. (in SLIMFAST)                           | 132 Where the sense of balance is centered: 2 wds.     | 16 Doctors' group: Abbr.                            | 56 Step down                                 | 110 Baby carriages                                     |
| 33 What pirates' victims walk (with "the")            | 87 Football offensive option: 2 wds.                          | 135 Remove wrinkles from: 2 wds.                       | 17 Be a rival                                       | 57 Adobe homes                               | 111 Spare in the trunk                                 |
| 34 Snaky fish   | 88 Opposite of "supported"                                    | 137 Unusual individual: 2 wds.                         | 18 <i>The Story of</i> ____ (Truffaut film): 2 wds. | 59 Lamb cries                                | 113 Rotten kid   |
| 35 Become pooped: 2 wds.                              | 92 Estrada of <i>CHiPs</i>                                    | 141 Begin to like: 2 wds.                              | 19 Rid of rodents (TRADE anag.)                     | 60 Actress Rosalind of <i>M*A*S*H</i>        | 114 Owl sounds   |
| 38 Arrest record, in slang: 2 wds.                    | 93 ____ and arrow   | 142 Get together again                                 | 20 "____ go brag!"                                  | 63 Eskimo's canoe                            | 116 Under  |
| 43 Six-point football scores: Abbr.                   | 94 Bank money machine: Abbr.                                  | 143 Stretched quality                                  | 21 Bobby Darin hit song: 3 wds.                     | 64 <i>Xanadu</i> singing group: Abbr.        | 117 Gave a holler                                      |
| 46 Put up with  | 95 '50s group of the '70s: 3 wds.                             | 144 Furtive  | 22 "Give ____ rest!" ("Stop that!"): 2 wds.         | 65 Pipe-fixing business                      | 119 College instructor (TEN COD anag.)                 |
| 47 Mind reader  | 96 Missile defense system: Abbr.                              | 145 Figured a sum                                      | 23 Pro's opposite                                   | 66 1000% as great                            | 120 En ____ (cooked in a pastry crust) (CUT ORE anag.) |
| 48 Bangkok native                                     | 97 Drink from a dairy farm                                    | 146 Author of classic Westerns: 2 wds.                 | 32 Untruthful ones                                  | 69 Actor/director Welles                     | 122 Christmas song                                     |
| 49 Some fishermen                                     | 98 Very good: 2 wds., Fr.                                     |  | 35 ____ on a tangent (digress): 2 wds.              | 72 ____ la la                                | 123 Cook a steak                                       |
| 50 Rise as if by magic                                | 103 Beatty of <i>The Big Easy</i>                             |  | 36 Jock Ewing's wife, on <i>Dallas</i>              | 73 Swiss peak                                | 124 Hang in the air                                    |
| 51 Evil fellow  | 104 Order   |  | 37 Tattles  | 74 Lid                                       | 125 Licorice-flavored herb                             |
| 52 JFK's ____ in <i>Courage</i>                       | 106 They make new things                                      |  | 39 Suspects' excuses                                | 75 Chocolate-iced, cream-filled pastries     | 126 Untidy   |
| 53 Vehicle akin to a moped                            | 107 What good watches do: 2 wds.                              |  | 40 Small, in dress sizes                            | 76 Uses the rink                             | 128 Greek cheese                                       |
| 54 Kleenex's cloth counterpart                        | 112 Attempting  |  | 41 Uttered, old-style                               | 80 Stare stupidly                            | 130 ____ <i>Karenina</i>                               |
| 55 Gab session  | 113 Boastful people   |  | 42 Despise  | 81 Sunday song                               | 131 Gun sound  |
| 56 Follower of Moses's brother (ARIA NOTE anag.)      | 114 Wild mirth  |  | 44 Romance writer Steel                             | 82 Mileage-rating group: Abbr.               | 132 Suffix for many sciences                           |
| 57 Sharer of a business                               | 115 In an unusual way   |  | 45 Based on the stars (REALISED anag.)              | 83 Nuclear power plant devices               | 133 "____ on your life!" ("Forget it!")                |
| 58 Olive ____ (Popeye's girl)                         | 116 Kung fu movie star: 2 wds.                                |  | 46 Disney special-effects film of 1982              | 84 Tree-planting occasion: 2 wds.            | 134 Actor Scheider                                     |
| 59 Puritanical person                                 | 117 All alone   |  |   | 85 Comedian nicknamed "Schnozzola": 2 wds.   | 135 New York subway line: Abbr.                        |
| 60 Heal   |   |  |   | 89 Soundness of mind                         | 136 Rock's ____ Speedwagon                             |
| 61 ____-de-France                                     |   |  |   | 90 Foe                                       | 138 Motorist's group: Abbr.                            |
|   |   |  |   | 91 Miami's county                            | 139 Stocking mishap                                    |
|   |   |  |   | 97 Quite a few                               | 140 Had lunch  |
|   |   |  |   | 98 Very small amounts                        |  |

### DOWN

- 1 Sudden outpouring
- 2 Nickname for golfer Palmer
- 3 Roadside lodging
- 4 Mix with a spoon
- 5 "Quoth the Raven" writer





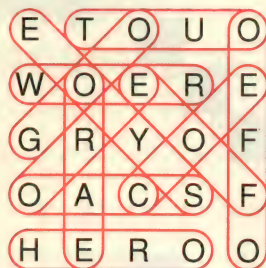
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## HARD CLUES (CONTINUED)

- |                                 |  |                                  |                                      |   |  |
|---------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| 10 Miss Yvonne's pal            | 35 Explode                               | 54 Pompous snort                 | 76 Some rays                         | 101 Mrs. Peel's partner, on <i>The Avengers</i> | 123 Suffer the heat                      |
| 11 In for a bad spell           | 36 ___ May Lester of <i>Tobacco Road</i> | 55 Radiator part                 | 80 Rubberneck                        | 102 Gun barrel measurement                      | 124 Dragonflies do it                    |
| 12 Wings                        | 37 Passes on                             | 56 Dismount                      | 81 "Greenland's Icy Mountains," e.g. | 105 Tenth of a cent                             | 125 Ouzo ingredient                      |
| 13 1971 U.S. Open champ         | 39 Some defenses                         | 57 Mesa Verde attractions        | 82 Toxic avengers: Abbr.             | 106 "Texas tea"                                 | 126 Like Oscar Madison                   |
| 14 Return checkers              | 40 Camisole size                         | 59 The non-silence of the lambs  | 83 Three Mile Island devices         | 107 Radio unit                                  | 128 Greek salad ingredient               |
| 15 Schmo                        | 41 "Thus ___ Zarathustra"                | 60 Farr's <i>M*A*S*H</i> wife    | 84 Planting time                     | 108 Beethoven beneficiary                       | 130 Sigmund's daughter                   |
| 16 Doctor's order, for short    | 42 Hostility                             | 63 White-water craft             | 85 Friend of Mrs. Calabash           | 109 Gourmand                                    | 131 Universe's start                     |
| 17 Fight                        | 44 Steel in the bookracks                | 64 Jeff Lynne's group, for short | 89 Marbles                           | 110 Nannies' needs                              | 132 PC components                        |
| 18 Truffaut protagonist         | 45 Star-based                            | 65 Innards, in slang             | 90 Us, according to Pogo             | 111 Flat, e.g.                                  | 133 Word in most of the Ten Commandments |
| 19 Help Hamelin                 | 46 Film set inside a computer            | 66 Decuple                       | 91 Florida's most populous county    | 113 Babysitter's bane                           | 134 Trigger puller?                      |
| 20 Gray of <i>Silver Spoons</i> | 47 Joint half                            | 69 Comic Bean                    | 97 Myriad                            | 114 Hecklers' cries                             | 135 NYC subway line                      |
| 21 "Shark" of song              | 48 Salon job                             | 72 Refrain start                 | 98 Runs down                         | 116 Not worthy of                               | 136 Classic car                          |
| 22 "Make ___ double"            | 49 Musical ornaments                     | 73 Finsteraarhorn, for one       | 99 Substitute sovereign              | 117 Vociferated                                 | 138 Towers of note: Abbr.                |
| 23 Snow                         | 50 Italian bread?                        | 74 Monokini's lack               | 100 Leader of the pack?              | 119 College lecturer                            | 139 Bank breaker                         |
| 32 Bluffers                     | 51 Travel expense                        | 75 Dessert cart choices          |                                      | 120 <i>En</i> ___ (pastry-wrapped)              | 140 Reckless goddess                     |
|                                 | 52 <i>Chordata</i> and <i>Arthropoda</i> |                                  |                                      | 122 Wacky <i>Bob Newhart Show</i> receptionist  |  |
|                                 | 53 Daphne Du ___                         |                                  |                                      |   |  |



## LOVE LETTERS COVER



The 14 words are as follows (note that ERRING appears twice in the grid, and GORING and GRINGO share the same circled letters):

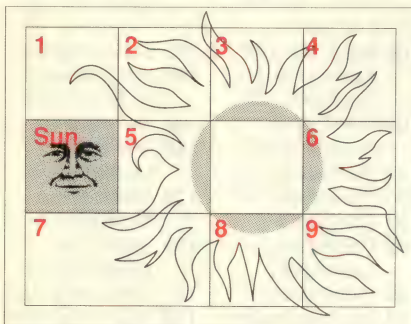
Caring	Goring	Scaring
Cringe	Gringo	Syringe
Earring	Herring	Touring
Erring	Offering	Wringer
Fringe	Ringer	

## 14 TWO PIECES OF I.D.

AC (spark plug)	MP (military police)
AM (radio)	OB (obstetrics)
BC (comic strip)	OJ (Simpson)
CD (compact disc)	OK (hand gesture)
DC (Washington)	OR (operating room)
DJ (Alan Freed)	PC (computer)
ET (The Extra-Terrestrial)	PI (Magnum)
FM (radio)	PM (evening scene)
GE (light bulb)	PT (navy boat)
GI (soldier)	RC (cola)
GM (Corvair)	RN (nurse)
HO (electric train gauge)	RV (Winnebago)
IV (intravenous bottle)	TD (touchdown)
KO (boxing)	TV (television)
LA (Los Angeles)	UN (United Nations)
LP (record)	US (map)
MC (John Davidson)	VO (whiskey)
MD (surgeon)	VP (Dan Quayle)
MG (car)	VW (Beetle)
	WC (toilet)

## 17 SUN BLOCKS

At first try, the puzzle seems impossible—that is, until you notice that pieces 2 and 9 are identical. The secret to solving is to reverse their positions. The puzzle is then easy to complete.



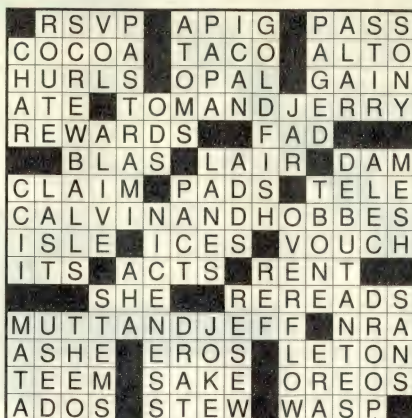
This is the order in which the blocks are moved in the minimum 28-move solution: 6, 9, 8, 6, 9, 4, 3, 2, 5, 9, 2, 5, 9, Sun, 1, 9, 5, 3, 4, 2, 6, 8, 2, 6, Sun, 5, 9, 1.

## 46 SPIN CONTROL

- |      |      |      |      |
|------|------|------|------|
| 1. G | 3. F | 5. B | 7. D |
| 2. E | 4. H | 6. A | 8. C |

These are some of the color blends exhibited by the spinning tops: red + yellow = bright orange; red + yellow + green = dull orange; red + blue = bright purple; red + blue + green = dull purple; blue + yellow = beige; blue + green + a hint of red = blue.

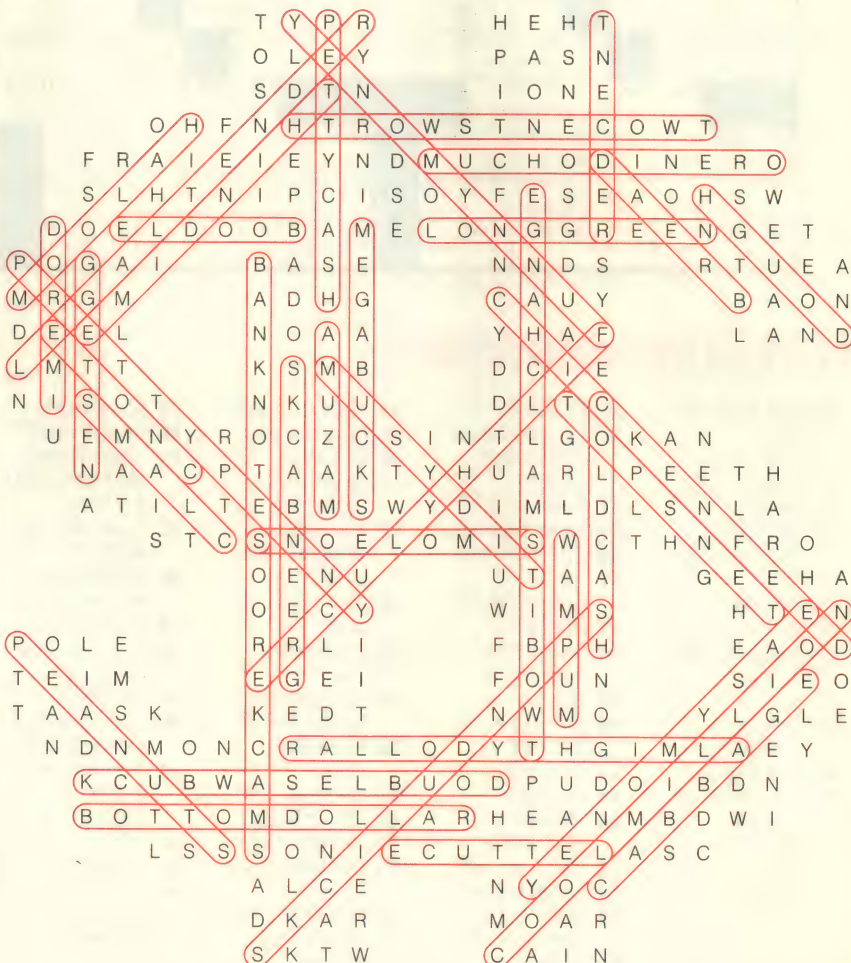
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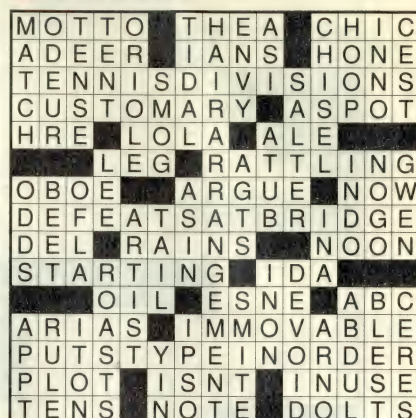
## 21 WALL-TO-WALL

- |                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Wall Street             | 9. Cornwallis           |
| 2. Wallet                  | 10. Harvey Wallbanger   |
| 3. Walla Walla             | 11. Off-the-wall        |
| 4. Stonewall Jackson       | 12. Wailing Wall        |
| 5. Great Wall of China     | 13. Fats Waller         |
| 6. Wallflower              | 14. The walls have ears |
| 7. Whitewall               |                         |
| 8. Handwriting on the wall |                         |

## 20 STRIKE IT RICH



## 27 SET PIECE

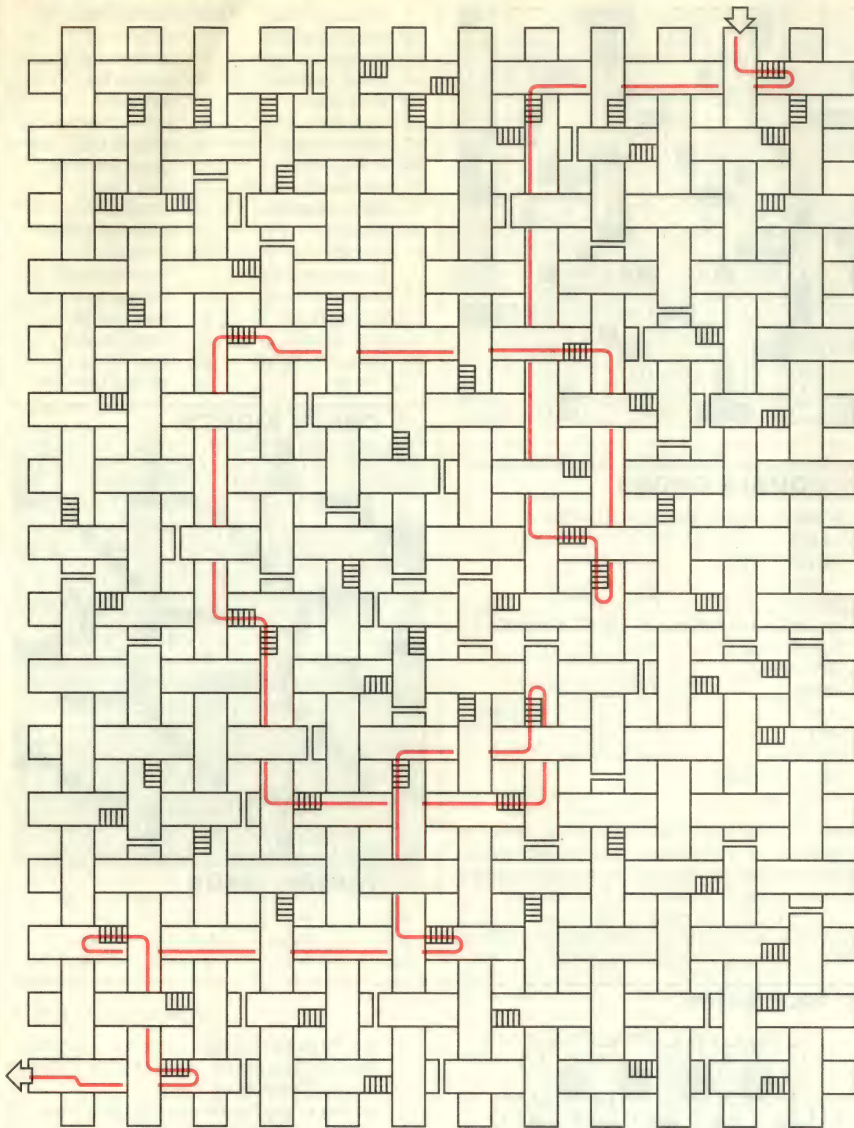


## 27 SWITCH IN TIME

- |                           |
|---------------------------|
| 1. Offspring; spring, off |
| 2. Perverse; verse, per   |
| 3. Winsome; some, win     |
| 4. Haddock; dock, had     |
| 5. Office; ice, off       |
| 6. Allowing; owing, all   |
| 7. Boasting; sting, boa   |
| 8. Laterally; rally, late |
| 9. Managing; aging, man   |
| 10. Tapered; red, tape    |



## 22 FLIGHTS OF FANCY



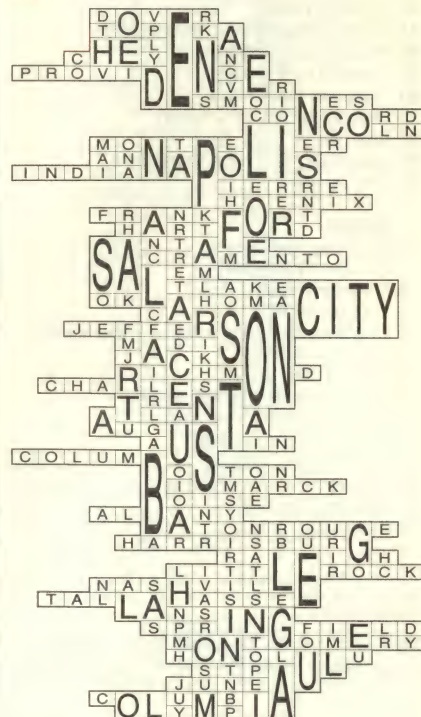
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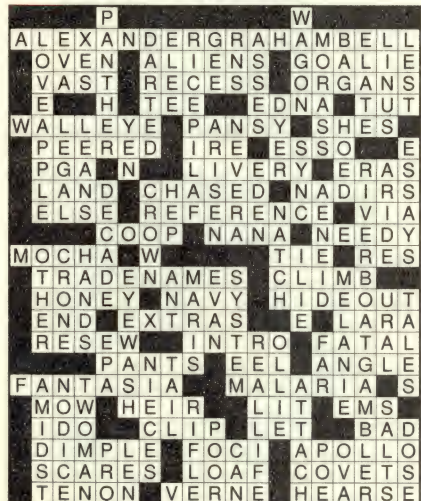
## 26 DSZQUPHSBNT!

1. CRYPTON. "Terrific news! Due to the lousy economy, we've been selling thousands of these 'dipping sales' signs!"
2. YIELD SIGN. Conversation, which is supposed to be a two-way street, is treated by many as if it were a divided highway.—Miss Manners
3. HACKS. Bad poets are like bad cabdrivers: Both abuse their licenses and tamper with the meter.
4. STOCKING UP. Garage sales are great places to buy inexpensive items to sell at your own garage sale six years from now.
5. NOT YOU AGAIN! Customers respond icily whenever friendly repairman concludes his visits saying "See you soon."
6. THE OLDSWITCHEROO. Timely anagram: "The coming presidential campaign" can be rearranged to "Damn! Electing time is approaching!"
7. CIRCULAR REASONING. Local folks claim pesky teens cause weird round forms found among crops, while alien craft hover above cloud.

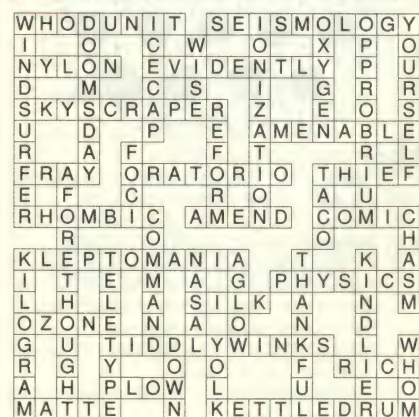
## 28 CAPITAL IDEA



## 23 PENCIL POINTERS



## 24 CRISSCROSS QUOTATION



The quotation: "If it makes my whole body so cold no fire can warm me, I know that is poetry."—Emily Dickinson



# ANSWERS

## 33 CRYPTIC CROSSWORD 1

### ACROSS

- 1 Showcase (so cashew)
- 5 Diaper (meDIA PERSONalities)
- 9 Archdukes (Duck hears)
- 11 Gloss (G + loss)
- 12 Sprays (Sp. + rays)
- 13 Famished (Amish + Fed)
- 15 Minarets (are + mints)
- 16 Lion (Lon + l)
- 19 Acre (a + C + re)
- 20 Inundate (l + nun + date)
- 23 Schedule (clues he'd)
- 24 Firsts (st. + firs)
- 27 Bantu (a bunt)
- 28 Slush fund (lush + fun + SD)
- 29 Ersatz (rates Z)
- 30 Sundries (sun + dries)

### DOWN

- 1 Sparse (spars + E)
- 2 Oscar (O's + car)
- 3 Caddyding (cad + dying)
- 4 Sake (mombaSA KEnya)
- 6 Ingrid (riding)
- 7 Pro-choice (ocho + price)
- 8 Resident (resident - p)
- 10 Spartans (sans + part)
- 14 Wrangles (w + R + angles)
- 15 Merchants (Ernst Mach)
- 17 Passable (pa's + sable)
- 18 Vanished (van + shed + l)
- 21 Adjust (ad + just)
- 22 Asides (as + ides)
- 25 Saudi (nasSAU Drectory)
- 26 Tutu (two meanings)

## 33 CRYPTIC CROSSWORD 2

### ACROSS

- 1 Wage (two meanings)
- 3 Opalescent (pastel once)
- 9 Need (knead)
- 10 Discontent (tonic tends)
- 12 Contours (con + tours)
- 13 Please (termPLE A SEcret)
- 14 Paradise (is + parade)
- 15 Chills (C + hills)
- 17 Picnic (philanthroPIC NICaraguan)
- 19 Founders (two meanings)
- 22 Uppity (U + p + pity)
- 23 Upheaval (have Paul)
- 25 Groundless (Gless + round)
- 26 Ales (ails)
- 27 Dispensary (s + pens + diary)
- 28 Spry (spy + r)

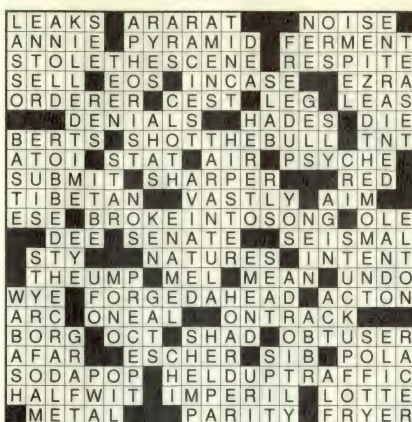
### DOWN

- 1 Wine cup (win + puce)
- 2 Gleaner (G + leaner)
- 4 Primrose (prose + rim)
- 5 Lock (flock - f)
- 6 Single-handed (sing + /e + h + and + Ed)
- 7 Eyeball (alley be)
- 8 Tethers (the rest)
- 11 No admittance (contaminated)
- 16 Composer (co. + m + poser)
- 17 Plugged (two meanings)
- 18 Copious (cop + IOUs)
- 20 Envelop (E + NV + Pole)
- 21 Splashy (Alps + shy)
- 24 Plus (plush - h)

## FAKE AD

The Fake Advertisement announced in the Table of Contents was for the Namesake Clip Service and appeared on page 5. Idea and text by Robert Leighton.

## 29 CRIMINAL ACTS



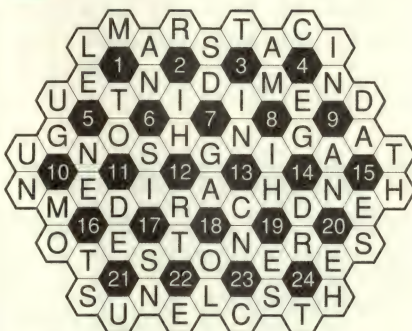
## 34 DOUBLE CROSS

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|----------------------|------------------|
| A. EDWARD HOPPER     | M. AMERIGO       |
| B. LINKS             | VESPUCCI         |
| C. OSWALD THE RABBIT | N. LIQUID        |
| D. NINE              | O. AVENUES       |
| E. GLENDA JACKSON    | P. NETTED        |
| F. FULBRIGHT         | Q. EDDIE ARCARO  |
| G. OPHIDIANS         | R. CHEETAH       |
| H. RHINE             | S. DIET          |
| I. DANTE             | T. OLIPHANT      |
| J. RUTH              | U. THE ASTRODOME |
| K. ONEIDA            | V. EVERT         |
| L. YOU'LL NEVER KNOW | W. SHEEN         |

[Queen Victoria] had indeed disliked tea ever since her girlhood. She once congratulated John Brown [a favorite personal attendant] on the best cup she had ever drunk.

"Well, it should be, ma'am," he replied. "I put a grand nip o' whiskey in it."—E(lizabeth) Longford, *(The Oxford Book of) Royal Anecdotes*

## 32 HEX SIGNS



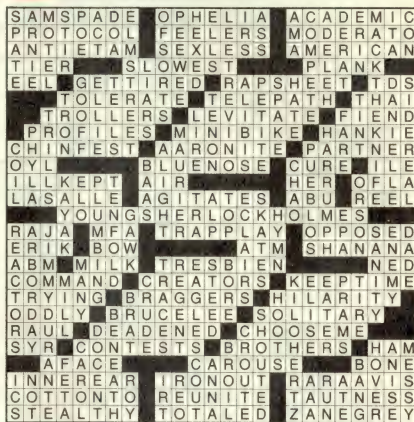
The completed sentences are:

1. Heads from ANTELOPES and a rhino adorned the wall over the top of the fireplace.
2. The secret agent was poisoned with some Mideastern bread dipped IN ARSenic.
3. The Great PYRAMID STANDS in the center of several smaller ones on the bank of the Nile.
4. None of the tribesmen saw the medicINe MAN flick a lizard into the cooking pot.
5. At state dinners in WashingTON, GUESTs will rarely use foul language.
6. The Japanese church plans to start a new pariSH IN Tokyo.
7. The perfume maker put a secretion of the orchID IN Glass vials.
8. The Braves' hitter had a batting averaGE MINImally better than the slugger for the Twins.

## 35 CHARACTERISTIC INITIALS

- |                                |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Sigmund Freud               | 15. Ho Chi Minh          |
| 2. Amelia Earhart              | 16. Julia Child          |
| 3. Mikhail Gorbachev           | 17. George Foreman       |
| 4. Indira Gandhi               | 18. Sandra Day O'Connor  |
| 5. Mark Spitz                  | 19. John Philip Sousa    |
| 6. Yogi Berra                  | 20. Andrew Dice Clay     |
| 7. Meryl Streep                | 21. Leona Helmsley       |
| 8. Ann Landers                 | 22. Bing Crosby          |
| 9. Michael Dukakis             | 23. Christian Dior       |
| 10. Percy Bysshe Shelley       | 24. Benedict Arnold      |
| 11. Arnold Schwarzenegger      | 25. Florence Nightengale |
| 12. George Herbert Walker Bush | 26. Hank Aaron           |
| 13. Alex Trebek                | 27. Peter Sellers        |
| 14. Florence Griffith Joyner   | 28. Frank Perdue         |
|                                | 29. Gary Player          |
|                                | 30. Isadora Duncan       |

## 35 CRAZY EIGHTS



## 30 TAKING ISSUE

- |     |     |     |      |
|-----|-----|-----|------|
| 1-K | 4-H | 7-F | 10-I |
| 2-A | 5-G | 8-L | 11-D |
| 3-J | 6-E | 9-C | 12-B |
9. The TV current affairs program suggested that laws against burning the fIAG ENDanger our First Amendment rights.
  10. Bandits robbed the lingerie boutique, takinG UNMENTionables of all types.
  11. The inventor of the waterbED IS ONE of the most underrated geniuses of all time.
  12. Cereal covered with suGAR IS Hardly the best breakfast for a loud, hyperactive child.
  13. The sore loser wouldn't congratulate the other team's coACH IN Gym class.
  14. Our scout group went campinG AND Hiking in the forest named for a celebrated Indian brave.
  15. Is DianA THE NAture goddess?
  16. Most roadsIDE MOTELs charge a lower rate than resorts.
  17. Odysseus knew he was one step closer to freedom when Poseidon lowered hiSTRIDENT.
  18. The sculptor dabbled in kinetiC ART Once, making a mobile out of two spheres and a box.
  19. Many childREN CHoose not to bathe except when forced by their parents.
  20. A mischievous group of sophomoRES ENDeavored to broadcast over the school's PA system.
  21. At twilight, I find the cool stillness UNSETtling.
  22. My bank refuseS TO LENd me the money to open a hot dog stand.
  23. Though many Dallas stores sell cheap copies, we sell only authenticC LONE Star State flags.
  24. Only an athletic teenager makes THE Record book before Job Corps offers him work.



## 42 JUEGOS ARGENTINOS

### 1. THE CLOCKWISE ANT

The ant spent 54 minutes on the clock. From the ant's first encounter with the minute hand to her second, the minute hand passed over 45 minute marks; in the same time, the ant passed over 105 minute marks (45 more than a complete circumference). The ratio of speeds was therefore 45/105, or 3/7. If we call the time before the first encounter  $X$  minutes, then the minute hand passed over  $X$  minute marks while the ant passed over  $30 - X$  minute marks, so:  $X/(30 - X) = 3/7$ . Solving, we get  $X = 9$  minutes. Thus, the total time is  $9 + 45 = 54$  minutes.

### 2. DIE PEEKING

One of the faces is the six. All the faces of a die have spots in at least one corner except for the one, which has a single spot in the center. Thus, we know none of the faces showing can be the one, and the one must be on the face opposite one of the three faces we can see. Since opposite faces of a die add up to seven, this means the six must be one of the three faces showing.

### 3. ASTROLOGICAL AGE

Her sign is Pisces. The only date on which the statement could have been made was February 29 (during a leap year), when the teacher's age was 29. Six days later, on March 6, her age was 30. So her birthday is one of the first six days in March.

### 4. MYSTERY MENU

Here's one possible solution:

First night: abberfloories, bommelijps, curwinkles, dinquapods, dinquapods (from which the travelers could determine dinquapods);

Second night: abberfloories, ecka-eckas, flophummers, grobvolleys, grobvolleys (from which they could determine grobvolleys and abberfloories, the only dish common to both nights).

Third night: bommelijps, ecka-eckas, hinkboos, ibbergats, ibbergats (from which they get: ibbergats; bommelijps, the only dish common to the first and third nights; ecka-eckas, the only dish common to the second and third nights; and curwinkles, flophummers, and hinkboos, each occurring only once on the first, second, and third nights, respectively).

### 5. MULTIPLE TOWERS

1	9
6	8
9	7
4	6
0	5
2	4
7	3
5	3
8	2

## 60 TRUE COLORS

1. *The Pink Panther*
2. *The Hunt for Red October*
3. *The Black Stallion*
4. *The Purple Rose of Cairo*
5. *Goldfinger*
6. *A Clockwork Orange*
7. *The Green Berets*
8. *Silver Streak*
9. *Yellow Submarine*

The chain of colors of movies is: 1-3-7-9-4-5-6-2-8-1.

## 48 READY, GO, SET!

The six sets are: 1-3-10; 1-7-9; 2-4-9; 2-8-11; 6-7-12; and 6-8-10.

## WILD CARDS

### 57 OOD FOR THOUGHT

The endings we thought of, with a sample word for each, are:

- EUD (FEUD)
- EUED (QUEUED)
- EWD (LEWD)
- EWED (BREWED)
- O'D (WHO'D)
- OED (SHOED)
- OOED (BOOED)
- OOHED (POOH-POOHED)
- OU'D (YOU'D)
- OUSED (RENDEZVOUSED)
- UED (GLUED)
- UTED (DEBUTED)

### 57 ROCKET STAGES

Our answer (other routes may be possible): ROCKET, SOCKET, SOCKED, SOAKED, SLAKED, SLATED, PLATED, PLANED, PLANET.

### 57 FAKE TV

1. *Murphy Brown*
2. *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*
3. *The Dick Van Dyke Show*
4. *Newhart*
5. *The Simpsons*
6. *Twin Peaks*
7. *Home Improvement*
8. *Doctor, Doctor*

### 57 SHOES AND SOCKS

You'll need to take 11 shoes and 12 socks. The largest number of unmatched shoes you can take is 10—five black, all for the same foot, and five white, all for the same foot. Any one of the remaining shoes will complete a pair.

To be sure of matching either shoe color, you'll need a pair of white socks and a pair of black socks. The worst case is 11—10 of the wrong color and one of the right. One more sock guarantees a pair that matches the shoes.

(If you consider socks *first*, you'd need only three to be sure of a pair that matches in color. But you would then need to take 16 shoes to be sure of a pair that matches the socks, and 16 shoes and 3 socks weigh more than 11 shoes and 12 socks.)

### 57 BRAND EX

Our list (yours may include others): Blistex, Chex, Comtrex, Cruex, Denorex, Desenex, Flex, Gore-Tex, Kleenex, Kotex, Memorex, Playtex, Purex, Pyrex, Rolex, Rolodex, Sinex, Sominex, Stridex, Tilex, Windex, and Zerex.

## 45 WHAT IN THE WORLD?

1. Subway (New York City)
2. Celestial body (the Moon)
3. Golf course (Marco Island Resort, Florida)
4. Zip code (Bronx, New York)
5. Museum (Metropolitan Museum of Art)
6. Airline (TWA)
7. Shopping mall (Valley Stream, New York)
8. Boardgame (Parker Brothers' Risk)
9. Weather (*USA Today*)
10. Ski (Steamboat Ski Resort, Colorado)

### 57 FIRST FIRST NAMES

- 1-a, Anna Eleanor Roosevelt Roosevelt
- 2-d/e, Elizabeth "Bess" Virginia Wallace Truman
- 3-c, Claudia "Lady Bird" Alta Taylor Johnson
- 4-f, Thelma Catherine Patricia "Pat" Ryan Nixon
- 5-d/e, Elizabeth "Betty" Bloomer Warren Ford
- 6-b, Anne Frances "Nancy" Robbins Davis Reagan

### 57 BACK TO BACK PHRASES

1. Home sweet home
2. "Run, Spot, run!"
3. Hope against hope
4. "Time After Time"
5. "Spy vs. Spy"
6. Dog eat dog
7. Loop the loop
8. "Food Glorious Food"
9. *Measure for Measure*
10. "Why ask why?"
11. *Sunday, Bloody Sunday*
12. Ford Madox Ford

### 58 S-S-S-SONGS

David Bowie—"Changes"  
The Who—"My Generation"  
Elton John—"Bennie and the Jets"  
The Knack—"My Sharona"  
Bachman-Turner Overdrive—"You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet"  
George Thorogood & the Destroyers—"Bad to the Bone"

### 58 SUM-BODIES

Rather	+	A	=	Earhart
Alger	+	B	=	Grable
Malone	+	C	=	Coleman
Shore	+	D	=	Rhodes
Swit	+	E	=	Wiest
Lowe	+	F	=	Wolfe
Louis	+	G	=	Lugosi
Rivers	+	H	=	Shriver
Neal	+	I	=	Laine
Eggar	+	J	=	Jagger
Ebert	+	K	=	Trebek
Radner	+	L	=	Lardner
Harte	+	M	=	Mather
Hearst	+	N	=	Shatner
Malden	+	O	=	Mondale
Horne	+	P	=	Ephron
Bauer	+	Q	=	Braque
Gandhi	+	R	=	Harding
Warden	+	S	=	Andrews
Garbo	+	T	=	Bogart
Pearl	+	U	=	Laufer
Ride	+	V	=	Verdi
Ireland	+	W	=	Wilander
Stone	+	X	=	Sexton
Ashe	+	Y	=	Hayes
Anka	+	Z	=	Kazan

## 19 TRIPLETS

MIS	LAY	MEN	DEV	OUT	LET
LED		TAL	ENT	ICE	HAL
GER	BIL	KER	BOX	CAR	TER
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CUS	TER	SER	GAR	NET	HER
TOM		MON	GOL	DEN	DER
ATO	MIC	KEY	TAL	ONS	IDE



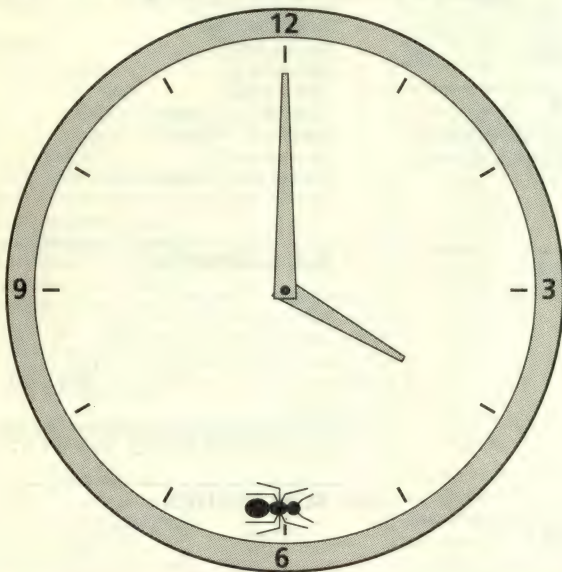
The five puzzles on this page were created by Buenos Aires's Jaime Poniachik, editor and co-owner of Juegos & Co., a publisher of quality puzzle magazines popular in Argentina

and elsewhere in South America. Solving three or four of the puzzles is *muy bueno*, and getting all five is *excelente*.

SOLUCIONES, PÁGINA 41

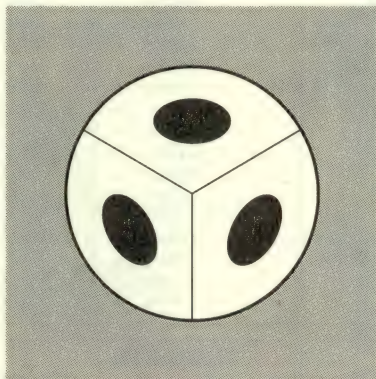
## 1. THE CLOCKWISE ANT

Just as the minute hand of an accurate clock passes the 12, an ant crawls onto the clock at the 6 mark, and begins walking counterclockwise around the circumference of the clock at a uniform speed. When she runs into the minute hand, she turns around and proceeds in a clockwise path, still maintaining her original speed. Then, 45 minutes after her first encounter with the minute hand, she runs into the minute hand a second time. Frustrated, she crawls off the clock in search of safer ground. How long did the ant spend on the clock?



## 2. DIE PEEKING

Looking through a very small peephole, we can see one corner of an ordinary die from a game. It's impossible to say what numbers are on the three sides we can see, but we can be sure that one of these three sides is a ... what?



## 3. ASTROLOGICAL AGE

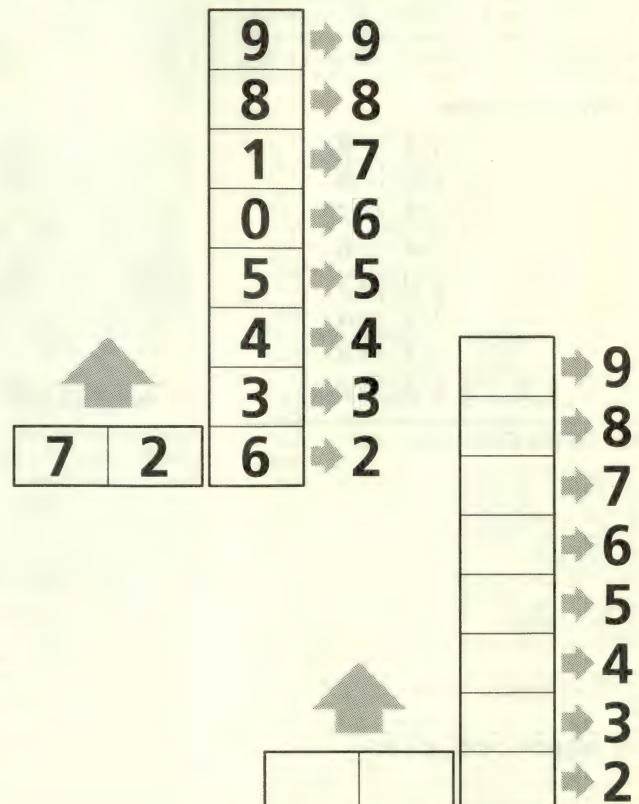
When asked her zodiac sign, the mathematics teacher answered, "Today's date—that is, the day of the month—is the same as my present age, but before the end of this week, there will be a date that will be only one fifth of my new age on that day." What is her zodiac sign?

## 4. MYSTERY MENU

At the Nine Meals Inn in the city of Nonsensica, the menu always contains just nine items: abberflooies, bommelijps, curwinkles, dinquapods, ecka-eckas, flophummers, grob-volleys, hinkboos, and ibbergats. Five travelers, strangers to Nonsensica, stop by the Inn, and each orders one item from the menu without the slightest idea of what it might be. The waiter returns with the five plates, placing them in the middle of the table so the guests may divide them as they see fit. The diners enjoy themselves tremendously, so they return the next two nights, and both times each guest orders one item, as on the first night. On the fourth night, the guests return, but by now, being logical diners, they are able to determine which name goes with each of the Inn's dishes. Can you determine what each of the three nights' five orders could have been to make this possible?

## 5. MULTIPLE TOWERS

As the two-cell elevator below rises along the eight-floor tower, it forms a series of three-digit numbers, by combining the 7 and 2 in the elevator with each successive digit in the tower. What's more, these three-digit numbers are multiples of 2, 3, 4, etc., up to 9. (That is, on the lowest level, 726 is evenly divisible by 2; on the second level, 723 is evenly divisible by 3; and so on.) Can you find another arrangement for the digits 0 to 9 (using each digit exactly once, one digit per box) so that no digit is in the same position it occupied in the first arrangement and the elevator combines with each level to form an appropriate multiple?







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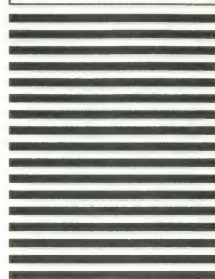
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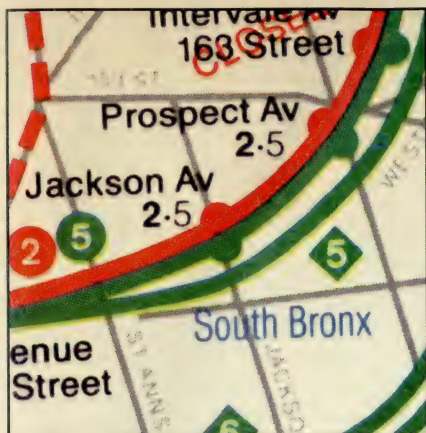




# WHAT IN THE WORLD

In this unconventional Mappit puzzle, the question isn't so much "where?" as "what?" Don't worry about identifying the locations on the maps. Just tell us what kind of map each of the following selections is from. ANSWERS, PAGE 41. ★★

BY MARGOT SEIDES



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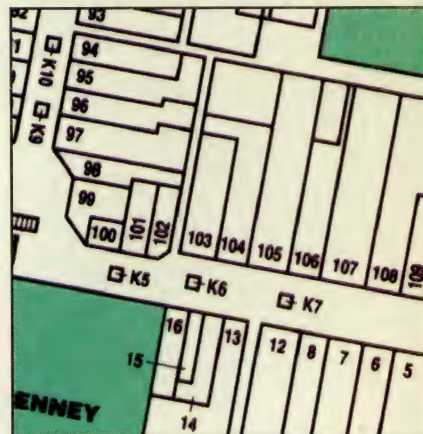
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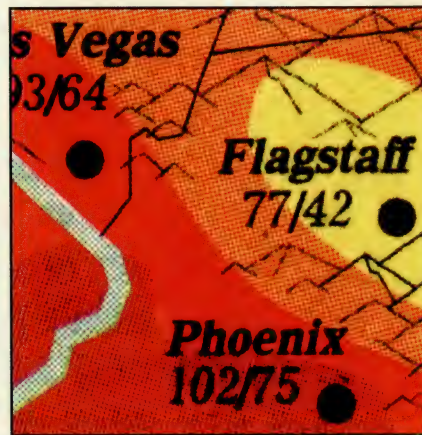
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# Spin control





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by  
Walter Wick

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Color patterns on a rapidly spinning top blend in fascinating and sometimes unexpected ways. For instance, alternate stripes of blue and yellow, when spinning, blur into beige—unlike a mix of blue and yellow paint, which makes green. In this photograph, each spinning top (A-H) has an exact stationary twin (1-8) elsewhere in the picture. Using logic and the color hint we've just given you, can you match the eight pairs before they all fall down?

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# GAMES & BOOKS

## PUZZLE GAME

### SET

**COMPANY** SET, 301 COWLEY, E. LANSING, MI 48823, FAX (517) 351-4341 **PRICE** \$11.95 & \$2 PER ORDER **NUMBER OF PLAYERS** 1 OR MORE, AGES 6-ADULT **PLAYING TIME** 20-30 MINUTES PER ROUND



Set, invented by mathematician and computer programmer Marsha J. Falco, is an addictive, highly original game of perception and logic, a fascinating challenge for either solitaire or competitive play.

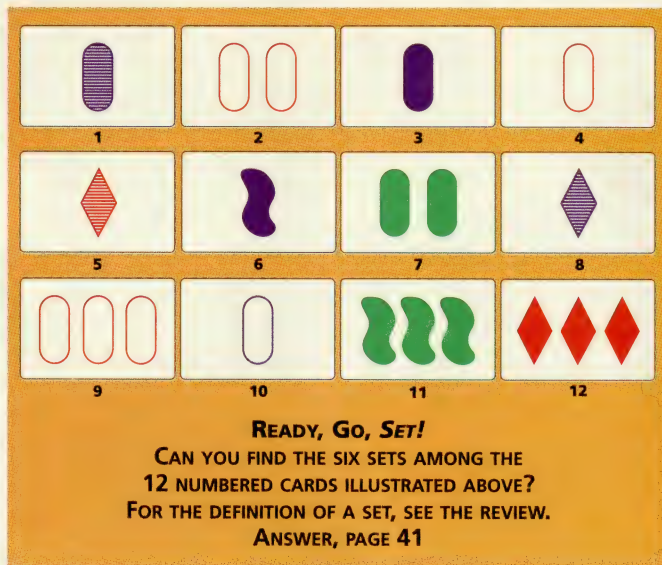
Each of the game's 81 cards has either one, two, or three symbols, which are either ovals, squiggles, or diamonds, either red, green, or purple, and either solid, striped, or open (see puzzle). The object is to find "sets," which are defined as combinations of three cards in which each of the four attributes—number, shape, color, or shading—is either the *same* on each card or *different* on each card. In other words, if any attribute is shared by two cards, it must be shared also by the third. In the puzzle above, cards 2, 4, and 9 are a set; they're all oval, red, and open, but each has a different number of symbols. It's a simple concept, but an oddly elusive one.

To play, 12 cards are laid out in a rectangle. Players—as many as can be accommodated—all compete simultaneously. A player who spots the right combination of cards announces "Set!" and removes them from the layout, earning one point. If the cards turn out not to be a set, the player *loses* a point. Removed cards are replaced; when the deck is exhausted, the round is over.

According to Falco, there are 1,080 possible sets in the deck and more than a 90 percent probability that there will be a set among any 12 cards. If all play-

ers agree that there is no set in a given layout, three cards are added, increasing the number of cards to 15 and the likelihood of a set to near certainty.

The game ends when everyone has had a chance to deal. With more than four players, we recommend instead setting a goal of, say, 20 points—still an accomplishment, but one that won't take all night. As it is, you'll probably be seeing red striped ovals and solid green squiggles in your sleep. ■ —Eric Berlin



## WORD GAME

### QUICKWORD

**COMPANY** U.S. GAMES SYSTEMS **PRICE** \$30 **NUMBER OF PLAYERS** 2 OR MORE ADULTS **PLAYING TIME** 90 MINUTES OR MORE



Quick—name a word containing the letter J and starting with DIS.

If DISJOINTED occurred to you in fairly short order, you'll do well with the gray cards in Quickword.

If you're quicker to name, for example, restaurants, parts of the human body, or record albums—all beginning with the same letter—then the green cards will be your favorite.

If you're good at thinking of words that begin with one specified letter and contain two other specified letters, you'll look forward to the pink cards.

And if you don't like all that spelling, there are the blue cards, which ask you to list words in such categories as "uses for glass" and "anything associated with a library" with no alphabetic requirements or restrictions.

That delicious assortment of challenges is the beauty of Quickword. A roll of the die tells you how far to move your token on the board; the color you land on determines which cards to use;

## STRATEGY BOARDGAME

### COSMIC ENCOUNTER

**COMPANY** MAYFAIR GAMES **PRICE** \$35 **PLAYERS** 3-6, AGES 12-ADULT **PLAYING TIME** 1 HOUR +



Usually when a game dies it's gone for good. Here we have a rare resurrection, and it's hard to think of a game more deserving of a new life.

Cosmic Encounter, one of the most unusual games ever published (GAMES did a feature article about its creators in May 1983), was first produced in 1977 by Eon Products. They licensed it to West End Games, and when it went out of print the license reverted to Eon, who in 1990 sold the reprint rights to Mayfair Games.

The new edition preserves most of the original game and the nine subsequent expansion sets, with some new

material added. Happily, it retains also the oddball whimsy of the original game.

Basically the game goes like this: The board is made up of five planetary systems, each comprising five planets. Each player chooses a system and places tokens on its planets. A player's turn consists of attacking an opponent's planet or foreign base. The attacker places tokens in the "hyperspace cone," and the defender puts tokens on the attacked planet. Other players may join in either the attack or the defense by adding tokens of their own.

The two principals then each play a numbered card. Whoever has the higher total—tokens in play plus card number—is the victor. If the attacker wins, the target planet becomes a base for each of the allies. If the defense wins, the defender keeps the planet. In either case, the loser's tokens are banished. The first player to establish five bases in foreign systems has conquered the cosmos.



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and a spinner selects the letters. You can reverse direction on the board to go for the colors you prefer or a CHOICE space.

Everyone works from the same card, writing down as many answers as he or she can in the allotted 90 seconds. Answers are then compared, duplicates are crossed off, and the player with the most remaining answers wins the round.

Scorekeeping is done on cleverly designed scorecards consisting of colored squares that correspond to the colored cards. Players check off a square of the

appropriate color on their own card each time they win a round. The winner is the first player with all squares checked off.

Though the rules claim there's an answer for every possible combination of cards and spinner, I was sure that was wrong when none of us, even after the game, could come up with a weapon starting with N. Then, in the middle of the night, I thought of NUCLEAR BOMB.

That's what Quickword will do to you: make you think, even at three in the morning. ■ —Gloria Rosenthal



But this bare-bones description conveys none of the game's originality and quirkiness. Each player is randomly assigned to one of 48 alien races, each of which has a unique power to break or

modify one of the game's rules whenever it's advantageous.

The AMOEBA, for instance, has the power to "ooze"—that is, to move his tokens around at will. The ZOMBIE is immortal—his tokens can't be removed from the board. The CHANGELING has the power to switch races with any other player. There are also Flare cards and Edict cards, which can be used only once but with powerful effect.

The interaction of these elements, as players unite to get ahead or to stop an opponent who is getting ahead too fast, is what makes Cosmic Encounter a unique experience every time you play it. ■

—Sid Sackson

#### WORD GAME

### 'SWOGGLE

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2C6 CANADA PRICE \$10 NUMBER OF PLAYERS

1-4, AGES 10+ PLAYING TIME 60-90 MINUTES



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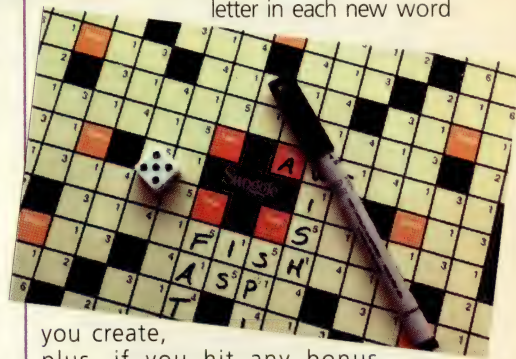
COMPLEX

SKILL

If you didn't know better, your first thought on opening the box might be, "Oh no! They left out the letter tiles!"

But in this innovative game, the letters are in your head. You—not tiles or cards—decide what letters to use to make words. You may make any words at all, as long as you use exactly the number of letters shown by rolling a die and you create new words by adding to or crossing one or more words already on the board, Scrabble-style.

To play, simply write on the board the number of letters shown on the die, one per square. You score one point per letter in each new word



you create, plus, if you hit any bonus squares, extra points equal to one, two, or three rolls of the die. The first player with 300 points wins.

If you're a long-time Scrabble player and think 'Swoggle should be a comparative snap, you'll change your mind as soon as the board fills up and you roll a 1 with no place for a single letter, or worse, a 6 with no room for a six-letter word. Though this is the most frustrating part of the game, it's also the most satisfying when you come up with a fine word, hit a bonus square, and block an opponent—all at the same time.

Rules are provided for several variations, including solitaire. The most interesting is to forgo the die and enter only four-letter words. Another, suggested by GAMES game-testers, is the option of playing either one or seven letters on a 1-roll. ■ —Gloria Rosenthal





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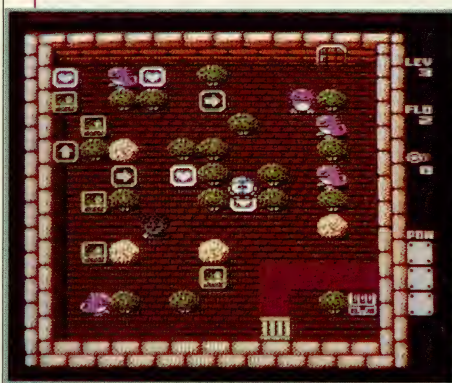
## VIDEOGAME

### ADVENTURES OF LOLO III

FOR NINTENDO ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM; HAL AMERICA, UNDER \$44; PHONE (503) 644-4117



If you've already met Lolo in either or both of his previous puzzle games, you can expect the same, only much more



so, from Lolo III—which means you probably can't wait to dive in. If you haven't, it doesn't matter which of the three games you start with, since once you're hooked you're bound to get them all.

Your objective in each puzzle is to collect all the hearts scattered throughout the room. Taking the last heart unlocks the treasure chest, and picking up the treasure unlocks the room so you can go to the next one.

However, each room also contains various enemies: They shoot at you if you cross in front of them; or follow you around and freeze you when you touch them, preventing you from getting by; or come alive only when you've taken the last heart, making it a knotty challenge to get the treasure just when you think you've solved the puzzle.

Which means you can't just go blundering around, but must do things in the proper order. Typically, you can get to certain hearts only by crossing a line of fire. Movable blocks can be used as shields, but there never seem to be enough of them. At times you will find bullets; shooting certain creatures turns them temporarily into eggs that can be moved to block enemy fire or used as rafts to cross streams.

The puzzles get more and more challenging as you progress, requiring you to find ever cleverer techniques to solve them. The weapons and other tools you find are exactly sufficient to solve each puzzle, but only if you use them with perfect efficiency. You can restart a puzzle as often as necessary, and there's no timer to make you nervous. When you solve a level, you're given a password so you can resume where you left off.

Lolo III has 100 levels (compared with 50 each in the first two games) and a few new features, including an Overworld map where you can select a starting level. Though it's the best of the three games, no puzzler should be without them all. ■

—Russ Ceccola

## ETCETERAETCETERAETCETERAETCETERAETCETERA

Don't throw out your old Nintendo videogames! With the ingenious **Game Genie** (Galoob, under \$50), you can freshen up the challenges that practice has deadened, finally solve those "impossible" levels, and in other ways significantly extend your enjoyment of your NES games. Plug the game cartridge into the Game Genie, plug the GG into your NES, and, following the detailed instructions in the 158-page code book, enter the codes to modify the game as you like. Codes are provided for 249 games, including all the most popular titles (there are 41 separate codes for Super Mario Bros. 3 alone!), and the instructions explain how to experiment with codes of your own. Get infinite lives or ammunition, speed up the clock or stop it altogether, start on any level ...

If you play Tetris, Welltris, Faces, or Wordtris on your IBM/compatible, you have a real friend in **Comrade** (LightBulb Logic, 13806 Pyramid, Farmers Branch, TX 75234; \$19.95). It lets you play with a mouse or trackball instead of the keyboard, and it allows you to vary the game speed to either decrease or increase the difficulty. In other words, you can cheat. (But we know you wouldn't.)

**Chip's Challenge**, one of our favorite puzzle games (it made the 1991 GAMES 100), was created for the Atari Lynx, a portable videogame machine. Good news: It has now been released for IBM/compatible, Amiga, and C-64 computers (Epyx, \$34). Same puzzles, bigger screen. ■



## COMPUTER ADVENTURE GAME

## TIMEQUEST

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As a private in the Temporal Corps, your job is to travel to the future to detect wars and social upheavals so that they may be averted in the present. Unfortunately, one member of the Corps, Lt. Vettenmyer, has traveled *back* in time and set events in motion that would lead to present-day catastrophe.

What to do? What else but to retrace Vettenmyer's steps and right what he has wrought. Your Mission Briefing lists the times and places he has visited, and your time machine has already been programmed; all you have to do is push the right buttons.

Vettenmyer has altered 10 actual historic events, plus 35 others that are less crucial (and not necessarily historically accurate) but may help with the overall solution. In Rome in 44 B.C., for



instance, Vettenmyer has arranged to have Julius Caesar assassinated one month ahead of schedule (so Shakespeare would have had to write "the ides of February"). In A.D. 1215, he has encouraged Genghis Khan and his Mongol horde to attack Europe instead of Peking, which would have had incalculably disastrous repercussions.

In this age of spectacular computer graphics, storyline is sometimes sacrificed for the sake of visual imagery. Timequest has managed to merge both into a story of great intricacy with stunning scenery that enhances, rather than overpowers, the text. And the interface—you use a mouse to point and click on specific verbs, nouns, and other words—is so efficient that you almost forget you're using a computer. ■

—Brad Friedman

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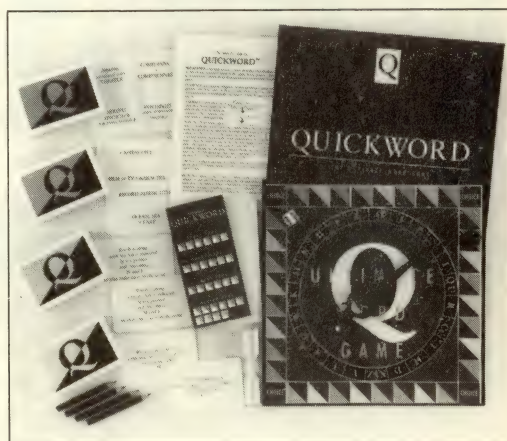
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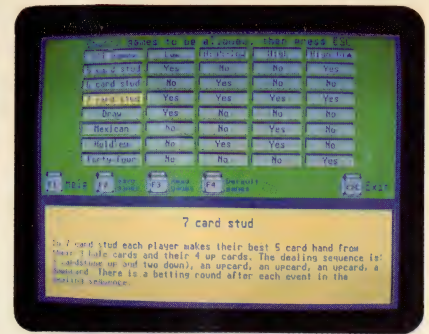
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## The Game and Puzzle Events Calendar

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### BACKGAMMON

**Nevada State Backgammon Tournament.** January 15-19, Reno, NV

**Las Vegas Backgammon Open.** June 17-21, Las Vegas, NV. For both Nevada events, contact: Nevada Backgammon Association, Howard Markowitz, Director, P.O. Box 768, Morton Grove, IL 60053; (708) 470-9491

**Green Mountain Festival of Backgammon.** August 10-16, Stratton, VT. Contact: International Backgammon Association, c/o Sue & Les Boyd, 1300 Citrus Isle, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33315-1324; (305) 527-4033. General backgammon information and local club listings also available.

### BRIDGE

**Pan American Games.** June 6-14, Corpus Christi, TX

**Summer North American Bridge Championships.** July 24-August 2, Toronto, Ontario. For both events and general bridge information, contact: American Contract Bridge League, 2900 Airways Blvd., Memphis, TN 38116-3847; (800) 444-ACBL

### CHECKERS

**Northern Tourney.** June, Gilbertsville, KY

**Southern Tourney.** July, Little Rock, AR

**U.S. Nationals.** August, Danville, VA. For all events and general checkers information, contact: American Checker Federation, Carolyn Lucas, P.O. Box 365, Petal, MS 39465; (601) 582-7090

### CHECKERS, INTERNATIONAL

**International Checkers U.S. Championship.** This checkers version has a 100-square board, 20 men per side, backward jumping, and kings moving like chess bishops. July 6-11, New Orleans, LA. Contact: American International Checkers Society, c/o Jack Birnman, 11010 Horde St., Wheaton, MD 20902; (301) 949-5920

### CHESS

**New York Open.** April 15-19, New York, NY. Contact: New York Open, 21 W. 46th St., New York, NY 10036; (212) 719-4204

**National High School Chess Championship.** May 8-10, Lexington, KY. Contact: See U.S. Open below

**National Open.** June 5-7, Las Vegas, NV. Contact: Fred Gruenberg, c/o National Open, Box 100, Palos Heights, IL 60463; (708) 396-1984

**World Chess Open.** July 1-5, Philadelphia, PA. Contact: Continental Chess Association, 450 Prospect Avenue, Mt. Vernon, NY 10553; (914) 668-6025

**U.S. Open.** August 2-14, Dearborn, MI. Contact: U.S. Chess Federation, 186 Route 9W, New Windsor, NY 12553; (914) 562-8350

### CHESS AND CHESS VARIANTS

**Knights of the Square Table Convention.** August 24-26, Sparks, NV. Contact: NOST, c/o Les Roselle, 111 Amber St., Buffalo, NY 14220; (716) 825-8281. Also organizes postal chess, go, and shogi.

### CRIBBAGE

**American Cribbage Congress Open.** February 1-2, Reno, NV. Contact: Martha Fingleton, 3465 S. Strothman Dr., Greenfield, WI 53219; (414) 543-2844

**National Open.** July 25-27, Raleigh, NC. Contact: Nick Pond, Box 12800, Raleigh, NC 27605; (919) 829-0844

**Grand National.** September 18-20, Green Bay, WI. Contact: See ACC Open above

For general cribbage information, contact: American Cribbage Congress, c/o Jeff Monroe, Box 10486, Napa, CA 94581; (707) 253-2020

### CROSSWORD PUZZLES

**American Crossword Puzzle Tournament.** March 20-22, Stamford, CT. Contact: ACPT, 114-41 Queens Blvd., Suite 152, Forest Hills, NY 11375; (212) 727-7100

**North Jersey Crossword Open.** June, Hackensack, NJ

**Long Island Crossword Open.** October, Melville, NY. For both Opens, contact: American Crossword Federation, P.O. Box 69, Massapequa Park, NY 11762; (516) 795-8823

### DARTS (Steel-tip)

**Dallas International Darts Classic.** May 29-31, Dallas, TX. Contact: Lone Star Darts Club, 10303 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas, TX 75220; (214) 351-0637

**NODOR North American Open.** August 14-16, Las Vegas, NV. Contact: Triple Crown Productions, 7603 E. Firestone Blvd., Suite E-6, Downey, CA 90241; (310) 806-8319. For general darts information, contact American Darts Org. at the same address and phone.



**Windy City Open.** September 25-27, Chicago, IL. Contact: Windy City Darts Tournament Players, 3264 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, IL 60618; (312) 286-3848

### **DARTS (Electronic)**

**Team Dart 7.** April 28-May 2, Las Vegas, NV. Contact: AMOA National Dart Association, c/o Joseph Conway, 141 W. Vine St., Milwaukee, WI 53212; (414) 263-2444

### **DIPLOMACY**

**Dixiecon.** May 22-24, Chapel Hill, NC. Contact: David Hood, 2905 20th St. N.E., Hickory, NC 28601; (704) 256-3641

**DipCon.** July 3-6, Kansas City. Contact: Gary Behnen, 13101 S. Trenton, Olathe, KS 66062; (913) 829-1474

### **DUNGEONS & DRAGONS**

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**PDGA World Championships.** August, Detroit, MI. Contact: Professional Disc Golf Association, P.O. Box 240363, Memphis, TN 38124-0363; (901) 323-4849

**UPA Nationals.** November, site to be announced. Contact: Ultimate Players Assn., 9800 Richmond Ave., Suite 425, Houston, TX 77042; (800) 872-4384

### **FOOTBAG (Hacky Sack)**

**World Footbag Championships.** July 28-August 2, Golden, CO. Contact: World Footbag Association, 1317 Washington Avenue, Suite 7, Golden, CO 80401; (800) 878-8797

### **GAME COLLECTING**

**American Game Collectors Association International Convention.** October, Vermont. Contact: American Game Collectors Association, 4628 Barlow Drive, Bartlesville, OK 74006

### **GAME CONVENTIONS**

**Avaloncon.** Competitions in 56 Avalon Hill games, including Diplomacy and Rail Baron. July 30-August 2, Camp Hill, PA. Contact: Don Greenwood, Avalon Hill, 4517 Harford Road, Baltimore, MD 21214; (301) 254-9200

**Gen Con Game Fair.** Competitions in Dungeons & Dragons and other role-playing games, plus Monopoly, Uno, Trivial Pursuit, Diplomacy, Risk, computer and video games, war games, and miniatures. August 20-23, Milwaukee, WI. Contact: Mark Olson, TSR, Inc., P.O. Box 756, Lake Geneva, WI 53147; (414) 248-3625

**IGA Anniversary Party.** Competitions in Empire Builder, Monopoly, Circus Maximus, WW2 miniatures. October 10-12, Tustin, CA. Contact: International Gamers Association, c/o James Griset, 25302 Avenue 108, Terra Bella, CA 93270; (209) 535-4604. The IGA has six regional groups and sponsors postal competitions in strategy/war games (e.g., Acquire and Diplomacy) and others.

### **GAME INVENTING**

**Game Inventors of America Seminars.** Talks, workshops, and private interviews with game companies for game inventors, including how to manufacture and market your ideas. April 13-14, Las Vegas, NV. Contact: Game Inventors of America, Box 58711, World Trade Center, Dallas, TX 75258; (214) 331-4587

### **GIN RUMMY**

**World Series of Gin Rummy.** March or April, Las Vegas, NV. Contact: U.S. Gin

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### **GO**

**U.S. Go Congress.** Includes U.S. Amateur Championship, Ing Cup, and several other tournaments. August 1-9, Salem, OR. Contact: Jean DeMaiffe, 1741 N.W. Lakeway Lane, Beaverton, OR 97006; (503) 629-8308

**Asahi American Amateur Meijin Tournament.** October, New York, NY. Contact: Chen-dao Lin; (212) 260-1455

**North American Fujitsu Qualifying Tournament.** Early November, site to be announced. For this event and general go information, contact: Barbara Calhoun, American Go Association, P.O. Box 397, Old Chelsea Station, New York, NY 10113; (212) 580-5882

### **JIGSAW PUZZLES**

**National Jigsaw Puzzle Championships.** August 7-9, Athens, OH. Contact: Marvin Fletcher, Dairy Barn, P.O. Box 747, Athens, OH 45701; (614) 592-4981

### **MAH JONGG**

**Green Dragon Mah Jongg Tournament.** February 7-9, Abescon, NJ. For this and other mah jongg events, contact: Margaret Bauer Maneth, 8 Livingston Ave., Kearny, NJ 07032; (201) 991-1499

**International Championship Tournament.** November, cruise ship from Acapulco to Los Angeles. Contact: National Mah Jongg League, c/o Ruth Unger, 250 W. 57th St., Suite 613, New York, NY 10107; (212) 246-3052

### **MARBLES**

**Marble King National Marbles Tournament.** June 22-25, Wildwood, NJ. Contact: C. Eugene Mason, Parks & Recreation Dept., P.O. Box 1702, Cumberland, MD 21502; (301) 759-6441

### **NINTENDO**

**Nintendo Campus Challenge.** January-December (except June-August), 60 U.S. college campuses. Contact: Nintendo Consumer Service Department, 4820-150th Ave. N.E., Redmond, WA 98052; (800) 255-3700

### **OTHELLO**

**U.S. National Othello Championship.** Probably September, Alexandria, VA. Contact: Othello Players Assn., c/o Clarence Hewlett, 920 Northgate Ave., Waynesboro, VA 22980; (703) 942-2242

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**D.C. Shogi Championship.** September, Arlington, VA. For this event and general shogi information, contact: Don Connors, 2100 Lee Hwy., Suite 115, Arlington, VA 22201-3568; (703) 358-9390

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**North American Singles Championship.** Probably Summer, Washington, DC

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**University of Colorado Trivia Bowl.** Four-person teams compete College Bowl-style in five categories: Movies, Music, Sports, TV, and Miscellaneous. Seeding test available in March. Event: March 30-April 4, Boulder, CO. Contact: Leon Elkins, 2637 Ash St., Denver, CO 80207; (303) 399-2090

### **WORD PUZZLES**

**National Puzzlers' League Convention.** July, San Diego, CA. Contact: George Liddell, 2533 Geranium St., San Diego, CA 92109. (Please enclose stamped return envelope for information.)

**American Cryptogram Association Convention.** Probably August, site to be announced. Contact: American Cryptogram Association, 18789 W. Hickory, Mundelein, IL 60060; (708) 566-0134



# TRICKS FOR THE MEMORIES

One medical student said to another: "Never lower Tillie's pants. Mama might come home."

Were the would-be doctors being naughty? No, they were merely using a mnemonic, or a memory aid. In this case, the first letter of each word helped the students recall the names of the wrist bones: navicular, lunatum, triquetrum, pisiform, multangulum majus, multangulum minus, capitatum, and hamatum.

Mnemonics have been around for centuries to help people remember. Roy G. Biv, for instance, indicates the colors in a rainbow—red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, violet. The word *HOMES* is all you need to recall the Great Lakes—Huron, Ontario, Michigan, Erie, and Superior. These are, perhaps, a little too familiar.

We think it's time for some fresh mnemonics, ones that will help us remember important people, events, sequences, and icons of the '90s. For example: *New Hampshire man watches Martian teacher eat fried rice beside really beautiful Japanese woman licking fingers*. This poignant sentence helps you remember, in proper order, Elizabeth Taylor's husbands: Nicky Hilton, Michael Wilding, Mike Todd, Eddie Fisher, Richard Burton, Richard Burton, John Warner, and Larry Fortensky.

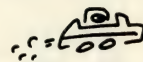
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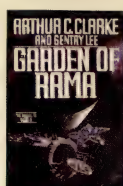
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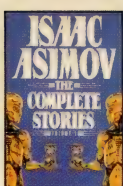
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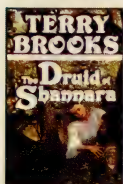
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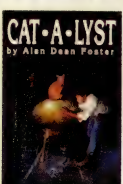


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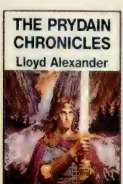
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# WILD CARDS

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## TEASERS

### OOD FOR THOUGHT

The words MOOD and RUDE rhyme, yet their endings (-OOD and -UDE) are spelled differently. There are many other spellings of this terminal sound. Only readers with high aptitude will have the fortitude to think of words for eight or more other possible endings.

—Raymond D. Love

## WORDPLAY

### ROCKET STAGES

Two astronauts were sitting in their intergalactic module, playing word games.

"Can you," said one, "make the word ROCKET reach the word PLANET in eight stages by changing one letter at each stage without rearranging the order of the letters?"

The other astronaut thought for a moment and said, "Yes, I can. And each stage is a familiar, uncapitalized English word."

How did the astronaut do it?

—Emily Cox & Henry Rathvon

## FOR THE RECORD

### FAKE TV

You may have seen the following shows on television, but you'll never find them listed in *TV Guide*. That's because they're shows within other shows—phony programs that appeared on other TV series. Can you recall what series each of these bogus programs comes from?

1. F.Y.I.
2. *The Happy Homemaker*
3. *The Alan Brady Show*
4. *Vermont Today*
5. *The Itchy & Scratchy Show*
6. *Invitation to Love*
7. *Tool Time*
8. *Wake Up Providence*

—Lou Kesten



## TEASERS

### SHOES AND SOCKS

For your first ocean cruise, you've taken five identical pairs of white shoes, five identical pairs of black shoes, five identical pairs of white socks, and five identical pairs of black socks (as well as other garments, presumably).

In the middle of a stormy night, you're awakened and told to prepare to abandon ship. Being very fashion-conscious, you can't be truly comfortable unless your socks match your shoes in color and your shoes are a left-right pair. But your cabin is pitch dark, your socks are in a heap in the dresser, and the storm has tumbled your shoes together in the closet.

There isn't time to distinguish left shoes from right shoes by touch. All you can do is count shoes and socks into your overnight bag.

How many shoes and how many socks must you take to be sure to get one complete matching set with the lightest possible load (shoes, of course, being several times heavier than socks)?

—Bob Stanton

## TEASERS

### BRAND EX

While few English words end with the letters EX, in advertising many do. Can you think

## HALL OF FAME

### FIRST FIRST NAMES

Many of America's First Ladies have been best known by their nicknames or pet names. But how many of these First Ladies (1–6) can you match with their actual given names (a–f)?

- |                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt | a. Anna      |
| 2. Mrs. Truman          | b. Anne      |
| 3. Mrs. Johnson         | c. Claudia   |
| 4. Mrs. Nixon           | d. Elizabeth |
| 5. Mrs. Ford            | e. Elizabeth |
| 6. Mrs. Reagan          | f. Thelma    |

—Rick Zimmerman

## TWISTS

### BACK TO BACK PHRASES

Each of the clues below leads to an answer of three words where the first and last words are the same. For example, "Cream alternative" leads to the answer "Half and half."

1. Common embroidered sampler message
2. Command to Dick and Jane's dog
3. Continue to wish, despite a bleak situation
4. 1984 hit by Cyndi Lauper
5. Regular *Mad* magazine feature
6. Very competitive, as a business environment
7. Fly a plane in a vertical circle
8. Delicious *Oliver!* song
9. Shakespearean comedy
10. Bud Dry slogan
11. Glenda Jackson/Peter Finch film of 1971
12. *The Good Soldier* author

—Robert Leighton

of 12 or more brand names that end with the letters EX?

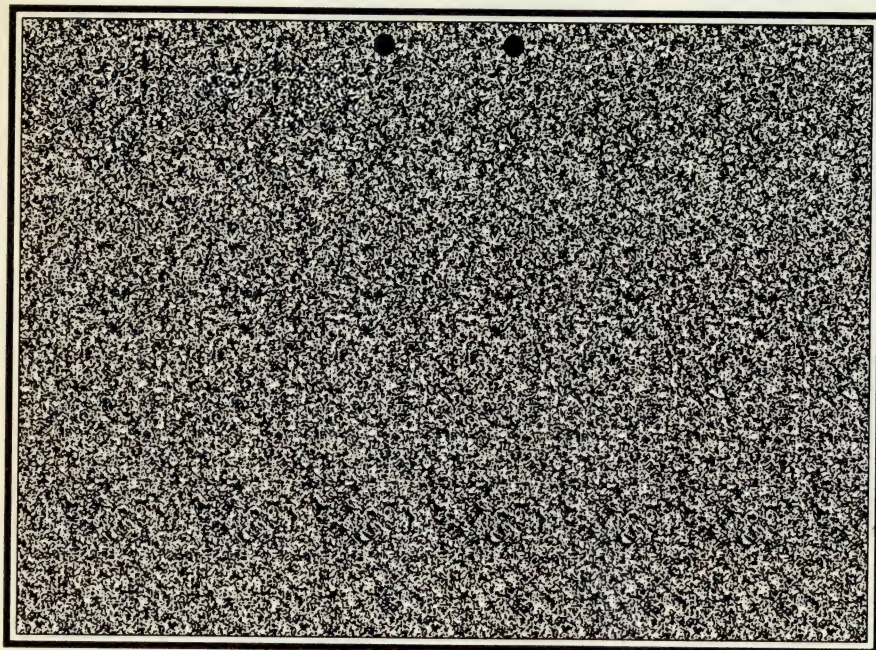
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### TRIVIA

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The Who

Elton John

The Knack

Bachman-Turner Overdrive

George Thorogood & the Destroyers

—Heidi Goldstein

### WORDPLAY

#### SUM-BODIES

To complete the sums below, add the letter to the last name of the celebrity on the left of the equation, and rearrange the letters to get the last name of the celebrity on the right. For example, "Bruce + A = Ralph" yields "DERN + A = NADER." Getting 13 or more is sum-what good, and 20 or more is sum-thing else.

Dan + A = Amelia

Horatio + B = Betty

Moses + C = Dabney

Dinah + D = Cecil

Loretta + E = Dianne

Rob + F = Tom

Joe + G = Bela

Joan + H = Maria

Patricia + I = Frankie

Samantha + J = Mick

Roger + K = Alex

Gilda + L = Ring

Bret + M = Cotton

Patty + N = William

Karl + O = Walter

Lena + P = Nora

Belinda + Q = Georges

Indira + R = Warren

Jack + S = Julie

Greta + T = Humphrey

Minnie + U = Cyndi

Sally + V = Giuseppe

Jill + W = Mats

Oliver + X = Anne

Arthur + Y = Helen

Paul + Z = Elia

—Peter Gordon



# CONTEST RESULTS

FROM OCTOBER

## WHIRL-A-PIX

Round 3,800 contestants took our three "Whirl-a-Pix" disks out for a spin. Tracing lines through the slots in the disks, they drew the three pictures at right, identified the objects shown, and rearranged the letters in the objects' names to get a four-word phrase. More than 99 percent of the entrants correctly submitted **THROWN FOR A LOOP**.

Some incorrect entries included **HONOR FOR TOP LAW**, **NOR HOWL AT PROOF**, and **FOOL FOR THE WISER**, which uses **FIRE HOSE** in place of **HARPOON**. Other incorrect answers, presumably, never got beyond solvers' scratch pads.

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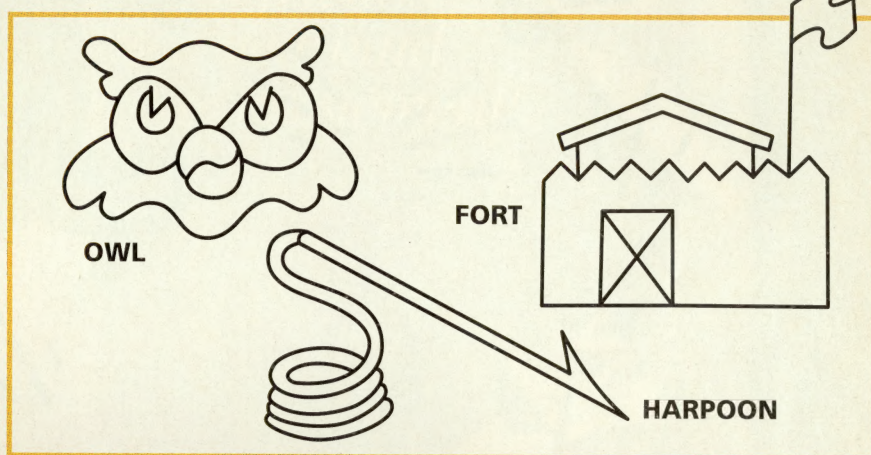
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